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Soviets release 42 dissidents, one a Zionist

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

MOSCOW. – Soviet authorities have freed 42 dissidents and human-rights activists from labour camps, prisons and exile in the largest known release of political prisoners since thousands left Josef Stalin's camps 30 years ago, sources said yesterday.

One of the freed prisoners, Sergei Grigoryants, said late yesterday that the warden of Chistopol Prison, whom he identified as Maj. Akhmadeyev, showed him a list of 51 people earmarked for release. He did not know how many were actually freed.

"It's not really clear to me why I or anyone else on it [the list] is being freed," Grigoryants said.

Despite reports that "several" Jews were being released, apparently only one Prisoner of Zion, Roald (Alik) Zelichenok, has been freed. The list did not include other jailed Jewish activists, such as Yosef Begun, Yuli Edelshtein and Zachar Zunshein.

Refusenik sources in Moscow reached by telephone last night said that they had no word that any Jewish prisoners of conscience other than Zelichenok were being released.

Some of the Jewish activists are upset at what they see as recent Soviet propaganda successes.

"The Western press is taking Soviet officials at their word when they state that 500 exit visas were granted last month, for example," said one activist. "But the real figures speak for themselves – 98 Jews arrived in the Vienna transit camp in January, and only 12 were refuseniks. At that rate, it will take 100 years to release all of the known refuseniks."

Zelichenok was one of 12 known

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Roald (Alik) Zolichenok



An Israeli naval vessel confronts the merchant ship that attempted to land 50 Fatah members south of Beirut on Friday. (Michael Giladi/IDF)

Boat intercepted

Israel Navy seizes 50 Fatah men

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. – An Israel Navy force on Friday foiled a Fatah attempt to land 50 men on the Lebanese coast some 15 kilometres south of Beirut. The PLO men, who had boarded a small merchant vessel in Cyprus, were detained some 70 miles off the Lebanese coast, and taken to Israel.

The eight-man Egyptian crew was also brought here, OC Navy Aluf Avraham Ben-Shoshan said last night.

The interception was carried out by the crew of a missile boat, part of the force that routinely monitors the more than 100 ships that daily ply the route between Cyprus and Lebanon.

They spotted the 500-600 ton Maria R halfway between Larnaca and the Lebanese town of Khalde, and ordered its captain to stop.

The captain cooperated, and sailors inspected the vessel, which was sailing under a Honduran flag but is apparently owned by a Lebanese.

According to the missile boat's captain, the Egyptian skipper evaded questions until dawn, when he could see the Israeli vessel and realized that its guns were trained at his small boat.

Ben-Shoshan said suspicions arose when it transpired that the Maria R was carrying 50 men instead of the four normally found on board such a ship.

The passengers were ordered to move to the bow, where they sat, not offering any resistance.

The Israelis examined their passports and other papers and discovered that the passports, at least, were forged. More intensive questioning established that the passengers were members of Fatah. They were then transferred to another vessel and brought here.

Ben-Shoshan would not say how senior the men were. But he did say that they had been trained in various countries, and some of those countries were described as "very interesting." He declined to elaborate.

The eight-member crew was also taken in for questioning and their future was unclear. Ben-Shoshan said they would be released if they proved they had not known who they were carrying, but otherwise they would be tried along with the Fatah men.

No arms were found on board.

Fatah has been trying intensively to move commanders and organizers into the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon to reorganize its infrastructure there.

So far, several hundred Fatah organizers have reached Lebanon, using various routes. In some cases they sailed to the Christian part of Jounieh, and with the aid of the Christian-led Lebanese Forces reached Moslem-held West Beirut.

A Navy operation several weeks ago, in which two Cypriot ferries were stopped en route to Jounieh, highlighted the PLO's contacts with the Lebanese Forces. But Ben-Shoshan indicated that the Jounieh route is probably no longer in use.

The Maria R's destination, Khalde, suggested possible cooperation with the Druse who control that area. But Ben-Shoshan declined to point a finger at the Druse, saying it was not always clear who controls what in Lebanon.

But Friday's interception again pointed to Cyprus' role in the PLO return to Lebanon. Ben-Shoshan said that the PLO men change identities in Cyprus and that the island is a "major base" for PLO attempts to smuggle arms into Lebanon.

The PLO, he continued, uses passenger vessels, yachts, fishing and other vessels, and weapons are often concealed in shipping containers. Rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns had been found in food shipments, he said.

After 'Jerusalem Post' interview

Palestinian activist charged with incitement

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Charges have been brought against Palestinian activist Faisel Husseini for statements on the PLO made in an interview published in *The Jerusalem Post*.

A charge sheet was submitted to the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, at the instruction of the Justice Ministry, a senior ministry source said.

The legal action came following a complaint filed by Kiryat Arba lawyer Eliakim Ha'etzni. He charged that statements made by Husseini in a January 23 interview in *The Post* magazine violated the Terror Prevention Act and the Penal law against sedition.

Ha'etzni's complaint cited the following:

□ Husseini said: "The PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

□ Husseini compared the Palestinians under Israeli occupation to Europeans under German occupation in World War II, and drew an analogy between European and Palestinian resistance. "Once the PLO wins some victories on the outside and is perceived as strong, our morale here will also improve. We will be able to mount more resistance, non-violent or otherwise, and then the world will pay more attention."

□ According to Ha'etzni, Husseini identified with the PLO, in remarks he made on the development of the PLO's political power. "Today the PLO is in the first stage. But it's only a matter of time before we reach the second. For the time being I can't force any plan on you, but I can stop any plan from being carried out without me."

Husseini said last night that he believed the charges against him were the outcome of a campaign by Ha'etzni against expressions of opinion by Palestinians. Ha'etzni has recently filed complaints against the editors of the East Jerusalem *Al-Awdah* magazine for publishing an editorial stating that the PLO was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians. He has also made complaints against editors of the *Al-Fajr* newspaper for publishing an interview with Yasser Arafat.

Ha'etzni said his actions were meant to ensure enforcement of the law and to prevent "legitimization of the enemy," which, he said, would lead to Israel's "disintegration from within."

Alignment, Likud see budget row over soon

By MENACHEM SHALEV and AVI TEMKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Both the Likud and Labour believe that the present crisis over the state budget and approval of aid for the kibbutzim will be resolved soon, although the exact formula for breaking the deadlock remains unclear.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Vice Premier Shimon Peres are expected to meet this morning to discuss the impasse. Ministers from both parties will hold consultations before today's cabinet meeting in order to consolidate their positions.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who continues to insist that the NIS 266 million debt-rescheduling package for the United Kibbutz Movement be approved, told Likud members of the Knesset Committee that his office had already begun examining the financial demands of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Likud MKs have balked at approving aid for the kibbutzim, and are pressing also for budget allocations for the settlements and development towns.

Labour Knesset caucus chairman Rafi Edri said last night that his party rejects "trade-off" between the kibbutzim and the settlements. But Labour Party sources have said privately that they would not reject out of hand a Treasury-sponsored proposal for aid to the settlements.

Labour Party Chairman MK Uzi Baram also emphasized over the weekend Labour's support for aid to development towns.

MK Eliahu Matza (Likud), one of the sponsors of the Likud "revolt" in the finance committee against Nissim's proposals on the kibbutzim, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night he believes that ultimately NIS 100m. will be earmarked for both the kibbutzim and the settlements, thereby bringing the crisis to an end.

Matza, a supporter of Housing Minister David Levy, rejected Labour's contention that the crisis evolved from internal struggles within Herut. He said that Likud MKs "from all the camps" wished to tell Shamir and Nissim "that not everything goes."

MK Ariel Weinstein, who coordinates the Likud's finance committee members, called on Likud ministers not to take any decisions before informing Likud MKs. "We won't approve anything before we hear about the general framework of allocations for all the sectors," he said.

Berri wants swap involving Israelis

Jerusalem Post Staff

The head of Lebanon's Shi'ite Amal movement, Nabih Berri, yesterday proposed a three-way prisoner swap among his organization, Israel and at least one of the groups holding hostages in Lebanon.

Berri told reporters in Damascus that in the first stage of the exchange, Amal would release an Israeli airman captured last October when his plane was shot down over southern Lebanon in return for the release by Israel of about 400 Palestinians.

Sources in the Israeli defence establishment last night indicated that they would very much welcome an opportunity to negotiate the release of the airman and soldiers missing in Lebanon – but they wanted to do it discreetly.

Commenting on Berri's statement, they said their first priority was to take care of the soldiers missing in action – those who were kidnapped and the airman.

"Israel will not spare any effort to bring its soldier-sons back home," one source said. However, he added, Israel "would prefer" not to discuss these matters publicly.

Following Israel's release of 400 Palestinians, the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine would then free four American teachers kidnapped at Beirut University on January 24.

Berri also expressed the conviction that missing Anglican envoy Terry Waite "will be released soon."

"I have spoken, I have worked and I have the feeling that he will be released soon," Berri said.

Berri said that Waite, who is feared held by the captors of American hostages with whom he had been negotiating, will be freed within 48 hours.

Waite disappeared in Moslem West Beirut on January 20 for secret negotiations with Shi'ite Moslem extremists.

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An anonymous telephone caller to a Beirut radio station said last night that Waite had been released in Beirut, but there was no immediate sign of the church envoy and no confirmation was available.

Iraqi planes bomb nine Iranian cities

NICOSIA (AP). – Iraqi warplanes yesterday bombed nine Iranian cities, including the holy city of Qom, seat of Iran's religious hierarchy, defying Iranian threats of massive missile retaliation. Iran claimed its gunners shot down two of the jets.

The official Iraqi news agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Iraqi fighter-bombers struck twice at Qom, 160 km south of Teheran, claiming that the targets were "reduced to rubble."

The Iraqi war report said a U.S.-made Hawk surface-to-air missile battery in Khorramshahr was destroyed in an air raid on that city in the oil-rich southwestern province of Khuzestan.

The agency said the air force flew 232 combat missions yesterday. Iraq's powerful air force, which outnumbers Iran's air strength by about 6-1, has long held supremacy of the skies in the 6-year-old Gulf War.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna) said the cities of Tabriz, Isfahan, Boroujerd, Marivan, Arak, Andimeshk and Piranshahr were bombed, with many civilians killed or wounded. It did not give specific figures.

Palestinians meet EC group on aid for areas

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Palestinian businessmen and heads of chambers of commerce met over the weekend with a visiting delegation from the EC to discuss European aid to the territories and direct exports from the territories to European Community member countries, Palestinian sources said.

The EC delegation met last week with Israeli officials in an effort to follow up recent EC moves to grant preferential status to agricultural imports from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

EC financial aid would be directed to various institutions in the territories, such as hospitals and schools, but not to private enterprises, the Palestinian sources said.

Discussions with Israeli officials have focused on allowing direct exports from the territories to EC nations. The move has been opposed by Israeli farmers concerned about competition. Israel has insisted that agricultural exports from the territories to Europe be coordinated through its agricultural cooperatives and the Agrexco marketing firm.

Husband jailed for $385,000 Baltimore swindle

U.S. Jewish woman leader not resigning

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – Shoshana Cardin, president of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) in the U.S., is not expected to step down from her position despite the sentencing of her husband, Jerome Cardin, to 15 years in prison for stealing $385,000 from a failed Baltimore financial institution of which he was part owner.

The CJF announced last week that it will hold its annual meeting in Jerusalem beginning on February 19. Shoshana Cardin, a devoted and highly-respected leader in the American Jewish community, is expected to chair the meeting. "She'll be in Jerusalem," a source close to her said.

Cardin was unavailable for comment, but her CJF associates and other leaders in the Jewish community said that they have received no indication from her that she plans to resign, adding that there has been no pressure on her to quit because of her husband's conviction.

"She's truly beloved," a source in the Baltimore Jewish community said. "She's remaining silent about her overall intentions."

In a recent editorial, *The Baltimore Sun* praised Cardin as an outstanding community leader in her own right and defended her decision to remain active in Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic affairs.

The CJF is the major umbrella organization of more than 200 Jewish federations throughout the U.S. These federations are the backbone of Jewish fund-raising activities for both local and overseas needs, including programmes in Israel.

Jerome Cardin, a politically-influential and well-known Baltimore lawyer and businessman, was part owner of Old Court Savings and Loan, a local financial institution which went out of business nearly two years ago. Thousands of depositors lost money.

Its president and principal owner, Jeffrey Levitt, was convicted of stealing some $14 million from the institution and is currently serving a 30-year prison sentence. Legal action is pending against other owners of the financial institution.

Cardin, who has been active in Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic activities in Baltimore for many years, is currently out of jail on $1 million bail. He is appealing his 15-year sentence.

The Washington Post has reported that he spent nearly $1 million on his legal defence but was still sentenced to the maximum 15-year prison term. His wife sat next to him throughout the many weeks of his highly-publicized trial in Baltimore. The judge had refused to consider his and his wife's direct appeals for compassion and a reduced sentence on the grounds of his record of philanthropy and other services to the community.

The highly-publicized collapse of Old Court Savings and Loan resulted in a major "run" on many shaky financial institutions throughout Maryland. For weeks, thousands of depositors were seen on TV news programmes queueing day and night to make withdrawals. Several of these institutions were temporarily shut down, leaving depositors without money to pay bills, mortgages and other expenses.

The collapse of Old Court followed the failure of another Savings and Loan institution in Cincinnati, Ohio, controlled by Marvin Warner,

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THE WEATHER

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Nahariya	—	——	15
Safad	76	17–12	9
Haifa Port	—	——	16
Tiberias	49	10–19	16
Nazareth	68	10–15	12
Afula	62	6–18	16
Shomron	67	8–15	12
Tel Aviv	76	10–18	16
B-G Airport	65	8–18	16
Jericho	45	7–22	19
Gaza	76	10–18	16
Beersheba	57	4–17	16
Eilat	26	10–25	22

Washington satisfied with Israeli cooperation so far

Head of Irangate probe 'may' come here

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, the chairman of the Senate's Select Committee investigating the Iran-Contra scandal, has raised the possibility of "perhaps" visiting Israel at some point "down the road" to personally question Israeli officials and arms dealers involved in the affair.

But for the time being, Inouye and other lawmakers have expressed their general satisfaction with Israel's decision to cooperate with the U.S. investigations only by responding to questions in writing. Israel has also insisted that it will deal only on "a government-to-government" basis, through normal diplomatic channels.

The Israeli embassy in Washington said that Prime Minister Shamir, during his visit to the U.S. next week, has no intention of testifying before any investigatory panel about Israel's involvement in either encouraging the Iran arms sales or in diverting profits to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

But Shamir, Israeli diplomats said, would meet with the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees – something routinely scheduled during all visits to Washington by Israeli leaders. During the course of those sessions, the prime minister would of course respond to any questions posed by the lawmakers. "He will not avoid the question," an Israeli official said.

Shamir can be expected to meet with Inouye, who is also the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations which allocates foreign aid. In addition, the prime minister will meet with the chairman of the House Select Committee on the Iran affair, Democratic Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana. But that is because Hamilton also serves as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

As it happens, an Israeli official recalled, Israeli ministers who come to Washington almost always meet with Inouye and Hamilton "because of the other hats they wear."

Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne met last week with the Tower Committee investigating the affair and told the members that Israel was anxious to cooperate with that White House-appointed panel, but only under two conditions: the exchanges take place through official government-to-government channels and in writing.

Inouye, meeting with reporters last week in the Senate, suggested that the members would wait to see how complete and thorough that kind of Israeli cooperation proves to be before deciding whether he, Hamilton and the two ranking Republican members of the select committees seek an invitation to Israel to personally question officials and arms dealers there. No such decision has yet been made.

Inouye, who is widely respected in Washington, is also one of Israel's strongest supporters on Capitol Hill.

SLA repulses Hizbullah attack

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. – South Lebanese Army troops repelled an attempted attack by some 50 Hizbullah men Friday on their position near Tibnit, southwest of Nabatiye, in the security zone.

An IDF reinforcement engaged the retreating raiders, bringing their total number of fatal casualties to five. One SLA soldier was killed and three wounded while three IDF soldiers were wounded, the IDF spokesman reported.

This was the 20th such attack on the position atop the Al-Itihar ridge since August.

Earlier in the day, the IDF foiled an attempted reconnaissance on the position when an Israeli patrol killed two people observing the post from an unfinished building in the area.

Hizbullah apparently hoped to surprise the SLA by attacking at 2 a.m., and not at later hours as in previous instances.

The defenders stopped the attack at the fences surrounding the position. Met by heavy fire, the raiders abandoned at least one of their men, some 50 kilos of explosives, communications equipment, maps and a triangular red flag. Some of the explosives were packed into water canteens.



Shabbat visitors, Jews as well as Arabs, at Kalkilya's recently opened zoo. (Andre Brutmann)

Jordan TV's 'man in Israel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The state of war between Israel and Jordan and the Arab boycott of Israel do not seem to have prevented Jordan Television from taking on a local correspondent.

The correspondent, Ziad Darwish, an Israeli Arab from Acre, who works as a free-lance journalist, has already spoken to MK Yossi Sarid (CRM) in an interview that appeared last week on the Jordan TV Hebrew news programmes. Also in the works are interviews with MKs Elazar Granot and Mohammed Wattad, both of Mapam.

Darwish told Israel Radio on Friday that he was asked to do the interview for Jordan TV "through an intermediary," and is not yet the station's regular correspondent, although he would like to be so. The interviews are being filmed by a crew working for a British company.

The appearance of Israeli Knesset members on Jordan Television drew a sharp response from MK Geula Cohen. In a weekend discussion programme she said that it amounted to "political sabotage" especially in the wake of a recent call by Jordan's King Hussein for a Moslem army to liberate Jerusalem.

In response, Sarid told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that no one could accuse him of being a supporter of Hussein, but that "Jordan Television is a television like any other and I will use any outlet to express my views. If it is (the television of) an enemy state, then all the more so."

He added that the fact that Cohen was the only one to complain about his appearance on Jordan TV, proved that he was right.

He described Cohen as "the voice of unreason," adding that if she had her way, Israel would be totally isolated and cut off from its neighbouring states.



About 200 Palestinians from the territories who have been refused family unification permits demonstrated in East Jerusalem yesterday demanding that their relatives abroad be granted local residence. The chanting protesters held pictures of their relatives, placards, and a large banner with the words "Let My People Come." The protest was the latest in a series of actions organized by the newly-formed Committee for Family Unification, backed by the Palestinian Centre for the Study of Nonviolence. (Brian Hendler)

Shin Bet rehabilitation 'step in right direction'

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Shin Bet (General Security Service) chief's "rehabilitation" of the agency's three deposed executives "is a small step in the right direction, but far from enough," well-placed sources said last night.

In a meeting of Shin Bet department heads held last week, the agency's new head reportedly said that the three – Reuven Hazak, Peleg Radai and Rafi Malka – "did not do the state any harm by complaining about a cover-up in the Shin Bet." He also said that their actions represented the kind of norm which should prevail in the Shin Bet.

The attorney-general's report on the April 12, 1984 killing of two terrorists who hijacked the no. 300 bus and the subsequent cover-up found that the three deposed officers had acted correctly in exposing the affair. The report called for "information activities" to be initiated within the Shin Bet.

A separate letter sent by Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp called for the three to be reinstated or, barring that, that they be publicly vindicated.

But the Shin Bet chief who replaced Avraham Shalom has refused to reinstate the three. On the other hand, several of the Shin Bet executives who were involved in the killings and cover-up have since been promoted. Two have taken up the former positions held by Radai and Malka.

"What's needed is the rehabilitation of the Shin Bet and not of the three," a well-placed source said last night. "That can only be achieved," the source added "when the Shin Bet exorcises the spirit of the cover-up by expelling those officers who took part in the crimes and who continue to support it to this day."

DISSIDENTS

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Prisoners of Zion currently held in Soviet labour camps and prisons. His release comes after an international outcry over the continued detention of a seriously ill man whose "crime" was apparently teaching Hebrew. He was convicted in 1985 of "slandering the Soviet state" because of comments he made about life in Russia in a letter to a friend in the West.

Zelichenok, a 50-year-old electrical engineer, suffers from extremely high blood pressure and last November suffered symptoms showing he was on the verge of a stroke. He taught Hebrew to fellow refuseniks in Leningrad before his arrest.

Freed prisoner Grigoryants said yesterday that only seven political prisoners remain in Chistopol, 800 kilometres east of Moscow. Among them is Begun.

"Begun remains in very serious condition, Grigoryants said. "He has been put on reduced rations."

Zelichenok's wife, Galina, said on Friday night that she had received a telegram that her husband had been freed. He is due to reach Moscow by train today from a camp in Kazakhstan, she said in a telephone conversation with a Soviet Jewry activist at Kibbutz Sasa.

Other Leningrad aliya activists who were at Zelichenok's apartment said the Ovir (emigration) office had rejected new requests by refuseniks to leave the Soviet Union.

They said the Ovir told many people to submit new requests. But some Jews who submitted the new requests two to three weeks ago have already been turned down.

The news of the release of the 42 activists followed weeks of rumours about mass releases, but did not appear to be part of a general amnesty. Many political activists, including some prominent cases, were not included in the list of those reported released.

Prisoners at Chistopol estimate about 1,500 Soviets remain confined in prisons, labour camps and psychiatric hospitals because of their political or religious activities, Grigoryants said.

He attributed the mass release to "serious changes" under Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "The country is also much more dependent now on public opinion and the actions of governments of Western countries," he said.

Transplant man leaves hospital

Jerusalem Post Staff

Dr. Michael Shirman, whose plight captured headlines worldwide when Soviet authorities denied his sister permission to immigrate to Israel to donate bone marrow to him, was released from Hadassah Hospital at Ein Kerem on Thursday after a successful bone marrow transplant.

But although doctors described the leukemia victim's initial response to the procedure as "amazing" and noted that his white blood cell count was normasl, they were guarded in predicting his chances of total recovery until at least six months had elapsed.

Shirman, a cancer researcher, received the bone marrow from his sister Inessa Fleurova three weeks ago. His condition had deteriorated during the period when the Soviets delayed granting Fleurova permission to emigrate and donate her bone marrow.

GAMES CENTRE. – The Educational Centre for Games in Israel opened last week in Tel Aviv's Montefiore neighbourhood. The centre includes a permanent display of games for all ages and information on the importance of play in the development of children.

Reform Movement rejects Shamir's 'freeze' proposal

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's Reform movement has no intention of acceding to a suggestion by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that it hold off trying to register its converts as Jews for a limited period, according to Meir Azari, director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Azari told The Jerusalem Post last night that various advisers of the prime minister had approached them on the issue, but they had rejected it out of hand.

On Friday, Shamir had put the proposal to former interior minister Yitzhak Peretz, in an effort to keep Peretz's Shas party from leaving the coalition.

Peretz had resigned as interior minister after Shoshana Miller, a Reform convert from the U.S. won an appeal to the High Court of Justice that she be registered as a Jew on her identity card. In fact, *Miller left the country before actual*ly receiving the ID card, but another couple, both Reform converts living *in Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev, are* now petitioning the High Court in the same matter.

Azari told *The Post* that he expects the couple, who were converted by a Reform rabbi in Brazil, to win their appeal and that they will be followed by other Reform con*verts seeking registration. Until* now, non-Orthodox converts have apparently been deterred by the publicity generated by requests for registration.

Azari said that he regarded the prime minister's request as an attempt to circumvent the Law of Return for political purposes. He also objected to the fact that Shamir had told Peretz that Shamir would discuss the issue with leaders of the Reform movement during his coming visit to the U.S.

"It is the Israeli Reform movement which he must deal with," *Azari told The Post.*

BERRI

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Islamic Jihad, a group of pro-Iranian Shi'ite fundamentalists, have also held journalist Terry Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland, since 1985.

"I have information that Mr. Waite will be freed within 48 hours at most," Berri told a news conference in the Syrian capital.

"This information comes from friends," he said, but declined to elaborate.

The West German mass-circulation newspaper *Bild*, quoting unidentified Beirut security sources reported earlier on Thursday that Waite was shot and critically wounded after he tried to escape from captivity.

Shi'ite and Druse militia officials scoffed at the report.

Meanwhile, an anonymous caller claiming to represent the Islamic Jihad, said yesterday that Waite was in "good health."

The spokesman denounced the build up of U.S. naval forces in the eastern Mediterranean, threatening to take reprisals against U.S. hostages and "all American nationals" if the U.S. Sixth Fleet did not withdraw immediately from the Lebanese coast.

Arab, Jewish youth brawl

ASHKELON (Itim). – A brawl between Jewish and Arab youths on the coastal road near Ashkelon on Friday night ended when police arrested four people. Two of the youths were injured.

The incident occurred when two youths from Moshav Beit Shikma were reportedly incensed at having been overtaken by a car with Gaza licence plates. They chased the Gazans and stopped their car north of Kibbutz Yad Mordechai.

A fight ensued during which one of the Gaza youths stabbed the two Israelis with a screwdriver.

Police who arrived on the scene arrested the four offenders. The two Israelis were taken to Barzilai hos*pital in Ashkelon for treatment.*

Later the same night, an Arab youth was hurt in a fight with Jewish youngsters in Tel Aviv's Kikar Atarim parking-lot. Police have not ascertained the reason for the clash.

Supreme Court sends dentist to jail

The Supreme Court last week rejected an appeal by a Jerusalem dentist who had been sentenced to six months in prison for negligence. This is the first time in Israel's history that a dentist is being jailed for *such an offence.*

Prof. Yosef Anais, a prominent dentist who once headed the Israel Dental Association, was found guilty of over-sedating four-year-old Aya Zimmerman and then sending her home while she was still unconscious. The girl died several hours later.

Ofra vandals to be charged

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two men from the West Bank settlement of Ofra face criminal charges after allegedly vandalizing Arab property at the Ein Yabrud village near their settlement.

A police spokesman said that the settlers confessed to smashing windows of a house and a car on Thursday with a slingshot. The two originally claimed they had bought the slingshot to shoot stray dogs which had become a nuisance to the settlement.

The men, arrested after the incident and released on Friday, will be charged with damaging property.

In Nablus yesterday, An-Najah University was ordered shut for the day on the grounds that disturbances *were planned at the campus. Army* units at roadblocks turned back students and faculty.

At the Balata refugee camp two soldiers were lightly hurt by stones hurled by youths, a military spokesman said. He said a camp resident was later wounded in a local brawl, though Palestinian sources said the man was beaten by soldiers.

Catholics set on Auschwitz convent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Catholic Church seems intent upon maintaining a convent at Auschwitz, Dr. Yitzhak Arad, director of Yad Vashem, told reporters upon his return from Poland on Friday.

Arad, who visited Poland with a number of European Jewish leaders, including French Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat, noted that the Jewish group objected not only to the convent, but also to its dedication to the memory of Edith Stein, a Jewish convert to Catholicism who died there.

He said that the Catholic authorities had also suggested a Jewish religious presence at the former concentration camp, but that this had been unacceptable.

Jewish leaders are to raise the issue of the convent at Auschwitz again on February 22, during a scheduled series of Jewish-Catholic interfaith talks.

Haifa graves won't solve missing Yemenites mystery

HAIFA (Itim). – The discovery that unidentified bodies were buried in a Haifa cemetery is unlikely to solve the 37-year-old mystery of the missing Yemenite children.

Dr. Bezalel Bloch, former head of the Abu Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine, said on Friday that children's corpses, including the bones, disintegrate quickly in the grave. If any of the missing Yemenite children had been buried in the Haifa cemetery, nothing would be left to identify today.

Last week it was revealed that over 100 immigrants who died in the Sha'ar Ha'aliya absorption camp in the early years of the state had been buried in the old Carmel coast cemetery. No record had been kept of their burial and no tombstones *had been put on the graves.*

The head of the local Sephardi burial society suggested last week that some of the bodies may have been those of Yemenite children who disappeared under uncertain circumstances in 1949-50.

Reluctant bride faked abduction

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A West Bank high-school girl who faked her own abduction yesterday in order to avoid an unwanted *arranged marriage was found un*harmed, police said.

An intensive search was launched for the girl after her classmate reported to the Jenin police station that her friend had been kidnapped by "four Israelis riding in a car." She produced a note warning that if *police were told about the abduction* the kidnapped girl would be harmed.

Police, who set up roadblocks throughout the country were joined locally in the search by hundreds of Jenin residents, since the girl was a member of a prominent local family.

In the evening, the girl who reported the abduction confessed that *the kidnapping had been staged to* save her friend from an unwanted marriage arranged by her parents. She took investigators to her home in the village of Zababdeh near Jenin *where her friend was found hiding.* The missing girl was arrested and turned over to the Jenin welfare office to safeguard her from possible retribution by her parents.

Israel-Canada accord

TEL AVIV. – *Israel and Canada* have signed an agreement to cooperate in scientific research, particularly in the field of geology, Yosef Bar-Tov, director-general of the Energy and Infrastructure Ministry announced last week. The agreement includes research in oil-drilling.

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Thousand protest student's death by torture

S. Korean dissidents battle police

SEOUL. – South Korea was rocked by widespread anti-government protests yesterday, with thousands of dissidents battling riot police under a cloud of tear-gas in the heart of the capital, as police blocked a major rally called to protest the death by torture of a detained university student.

National police chief Lee Young Chang said that nearly 600 people, most of them students and dissident activists, were detained during the demonstrations, which observers described as the largest and most violent anti-government protests to sweep the nation in six years.

Lee also told newsmen that 14 policemen were injured, two seriously, during the protests in several major provincial cities, and that "very few" demonstrators were "slightly" hurt.

The most serious clashes in the capital took place near a Roman Catholic cathedral where a memorial service was to be held for the student who died under police torture last month.

Witnesses said that some 350 students took over a police sub-station, set it ablaze with petrol bombs and stoned and burnt a police bus.

Nearby, police fired tear-gas to disperse thousands of youths trying to approach the cathedral in the busy commercial district of Myungdong.

Clashed between riot police and protesters were also reported from other cities where demonstrations to mourn the death of dissident student Park Chong Chul were planned. The government has admitted that Park died while being tortured by police in January.

In the southern provincial city of Kwangju, 400km. south of here, some 1,000 demonstrators clashed with riot police, hurling stones and petrol bombs, press reports said. Police retaliated with tear gas.

Pitched battles with riot police also took place in Pusan, a port city some 500km. south of Seoul where an estimated 2,000 people fought riot police for several hours in the downtown district, paralyzing traffic in the city, the press reported.

Clashes on a smaller scale were reported in several other cities.

The national police chief said that 35,000 policemen were mobilized here in Seoul yesterday to cope with the protests and that half the nation's 120,000 strong police force was assigned to block rallies around the country.

He said that 323 of the 584 people detained were taken into custody in Seoul.

The organizing committee for the demonstrations said torture could be eliminated in South Korea only when the "military dictatorship" was ended and a democratic government established.

It demanded that the government disclose the whole truth about Park's death and called for the immediate release of all "prisoners of conscience."

Principal members of the committee include opposition leaders Kim Dae Jung and Kim Young Sam, who were placed under house arrest Friday along with some 30 other dissident leaders.

Police had raided 33 university campuses Friday to confiscate placards, leaflets and petrol bombs which, authorities said, students had planned to use during the anti-government demonstrations. (AFP, AP)

Philippine rebels refuse to extend ceasefire

MANILA (AFP). – Communist insurgents yesterday refused to extend a 60-day ceasefire due to expire at noon today, and rejected the government's call for the resumption of peace negotiations.

"We cannot see any justification for extending the ceasefire agreement which the (armed forces) blatantly subverted and violated," the Communist-led National Democratic Front (NDF) alliance said in a written statement.

The statement did not explicitly say if the rebels would resume armed hostilities after the truce lapses, but an NDF spokesman said shortly after the peace talks collapsed last month that they would assume an "active defence" posture once the truce ended.

The NDF also laid down four conditions for a resumption of the peace talks.

It said it would return to the negotiating table only after President Corazon Aquino had demonstrated her "determination and capacity" to pursue programmes that would "attack our society's problems at their roots," and "assert and effectively exercise" civilian supremacy over the "fascist" military.

In addition, the rebels demanded "due recognition to the NDF as a political entity with a legitimate cause," and a government pledge to "work for a genuine settlement of the armed and political conflict."

The announcement appeared to have torpedoed Aquino's bid for a peaceful and negotiated solution to the 18-year-old Communist insurgency and could leave her no other option but force, observers said here.

There was no immediate comment from government officials, but two provincial military commanders, in the northern and southern Philippines, ordered thier troops to man battle stations yesterday.

On the eve of the NDF's declaration, some 70 Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels attacked an army outpost near the northern town of Luna, killing five soldiers and wounding five, the official Philippine news agency said.

In the southern island of Mindanao, regional military chief Brigadier-General Mariano Adalem said he had alerted all units in northern part of the island to prepare for possible NPA offensives as of midnight last night.

The president and the Armed Forces Chief, General Fidel Ramos, had earlier said that if the peace talks failed, military pressure would be gradually applied on the rebels' main fighting force, the 23,000-strong NPA.

The insurgency, now raging in all but 10 of the country's 74 provinces, has cost 20,000 lives in the last six years alone, according to official figures.

The peace negotiations were suspended January 22, hours after 15 people were killed when troops opened fire on farmers marching on the presidential palace to demand land reform.

Aquino is president until 1992

MANILA (AFP). – President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines yesterday received resounding approval in a popular mandate to rule until 1992, the government's poll watchdog body announced. In the same plebiscite, a draft consitution had been ratified by a landslide margin.

The government's commission on Elections (Comelec) ended its canvas yesterday, five days after the nationwide ballot in which 21.7 million, or 86.96 per cent, of the 25 million strong electorate cast their votes.

Comelec said it counted 16,605,425 "yes" votes, representing 76.29 per cent of the total votes cast and a lead of more than 10 million over the "no" votes, which totalled 4,949,901, or 22.74 per cent.

The remainder were blank votes while official tallies or 490,173 votes from three southern and central provinces which have not yet been turned in were disregarded because they would not affect the result.



Soviet space ship commander Yuri Romanenko (foreground) and flight engineer Alexander Laveikin wave goodbye prior to the launching on Friday at the Baikonur cosmodrome. (AFP telephoto)

Syria to take part in latest Soviet manned space flight

MOSCOW (AP). – Two cosmonauts rocketed toward a rendezvous with the Mir orbiting laboratory early Friday aboard a new type of space capsule, embarking on the Soviet Union's first manned space mission since last July.

Press reports last month said they are to be joined aboard the Mir by a Soviet-Syrian team in July.

The blast-off from the Baikonur cosmodrome on the steppes of Soviet Central Asia was broadcast on television, which showed the two waving cosmonauts clambering into the Soyuz-TM capsule as snowflakes swirled around, and their rocket's plane of flame and smoke as it rose into the night sky over Soviet Kazakhstan.

Mission commander Yuri Romanenko, a 42-year-old space veteran, and his flight engineer, Alexander Laveikin, 35, who is making his first trip into space, are to go into orbit and dock with the space station today.

Interviewed on Soviet television at the mission control centre, Professor Konstantin Feokistov said that once aboard the Mir, the cosmonauts would be conducting experiments in astrophysics and performing other scientific work.

News reports last week said the Soyuz-TM craft has more sophisticated docking controls, radios, computer equipment and emergency rescue facilities than its predecessors.

The Mir, whose name means "Peace" in Russian, has been unmanned since cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovyev returned from orbit on July 16 after spending 125 days in space.

Sino-Soviet frontier talks resuming

Gorbachev seen yielding on long-disputed river border

MOSCOW (AP). – A Chinese negotiating team headed by Vice Foreign Minister Qian Qichen arrived in Moscow yesterday to resume border talks with the Soviet Union suspended almost nine years ago.

The talks are an outgrowth of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's speech in Vladivostok last July, when he called for an end to more than 25 years of animosity in Sino-Soviet relations.

Gorbachev indicated the Soviets would accept the Chinese claim, which would set the boundary along the main ship channel of the two rivers, instead of along the Chinese bank, which Soviets have contended is the border.

At issue are some 600 islands, with an area of more than 1,000 sq. km. along the Ussuri and Amur Rivers.

Since Gorbachev rose to power, there have been perceptible, if modest, improvements in ties.

Trade with the Soviet Union, which comprised about half of all Chinese foreign trade during the 1950s, still lags far behind Japan, Hongkong and the U.S.

But it was expected to rise to $2.5 billion in 1986, up from $1.9b. in 1985 and $360 million in 1982.

The Soviet Union last year pledged to help renovate 17 factories built by the Soviets in the 1950s, and is now discussing cooperation projects in power plans and railways.

Trade fairs opened with much fanfare in Moscow and Peking last year, and long-closed consulates reopened in Shanghai and Leningrad.

Preceding the border talks, a protocol was signed last October on joint use of water resources along the disputed northeastern border.

There has also been a steady increase in cultural exchanges. As Qian left for Moscow, the Soviet national chamber orchestra was playing to packed houses in four Chinese cities.

The Chinese, however, insist that little progress has been made on the basic "three obstacles" that divide the countries – Soviet troop strength along the border, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and Soviet support for Vietnam's military occupation of Cambodia.

LIGHTNING. – Nine Zimbabweans were killed by lightning bolts in two days last week, raising the number of people killed by lightning since the beginning of the annual rainy season in October to 86, police reported in Harare.

Botswana 'threatened' by Pretoria for hosting rebels

GABORONE. – The Botswana government said yesterday that it had received threats from South Africa over the alleged presence of two members of the African National Congress (ANC) at an international conference here.

The statement said Pretoria had telexed the government saying it would act against Botswana for allowing into the country two members of the ANC, which is outlawed in South Arica.

At least 48 people have been killed in armed attacks on Botswana, allegedly by the South African military, over the past two years. South African forces have launched a series of strikes, some of them overt, on neighbouring black states over the past few years.

A black girl, aged 15, was killed and another black child critically injured in a bomb blast outside a branch of Barclays Bank in the northern Namibian town of Oshakati on Friday, police in the South African-ruled territory said. Two other people were also hurt.

Although Namibian police said they thought guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) were responsible, observers noted that Barclays Bank has been receiving threats following a parliamentary statement in which President Pieter Botha alleged that Barclays' managing director might have funded an advertisement for the ANC. (AP, AFP)

Indo-Pakistan border crisis defused, but tensions remain

NEW DELHI (AP). – India and Pakistan have defused the military crisis along their frontier, but the longstanding tensions that led to the flare-up remain.

A bilateral agreement signed last week in New Delhi does not remove thousands of troops whose deployment close to the border caused tensions to rise over the past two weeks. And the legacy of three wars since 1947, when the Indian subcontinent was partitioned at independence from Britain, continues to plague the two countries' relationship.

The troubles began last month when India moved troops into the western state of Rajasthan for winter military exercies. "Operation Brass Tacks" is believed to be the largest exercise the Indian military has ever conducted, involving some 200,000 men.

A diplomatic source said India had followed the usual practice of informing Pakistan but apparently failed to do so quickly.

The Rajasthan exercises put India's forces opposite Pakistan's most vulnerable terrority, the Sind, which is beset by political turmoil and contains the country's only port, Karachi.

Somalis, Ethiopians release French, Italian hostages

PARIS. – Ten French nationals handed over by Somali rebels to officials in neighbouring Ethiopia after two weeks in captivity, were due to arrive in Paris on a special military plane late last night, airport officials said here. Reports from Addis Ababa said the former hostages, six women and four men, employed by the Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) organization, arrived there yesterday on their way back to Paris.

Also yesterday, two Italian hostages released by their Ethiopian rebel captors after more than a month's trek through the jungles of northwestern Ethiopia, left for Rome.

The Italian embassy in Khartoum, reporting this, made no mention of any connection between the two.

An embassy official said the captives were in good spirits when they were turned over to the embassy on Friday night.

He said the hostages had walked every day after their kidnap near Lake Tana in northwestern Ethiopia until they reached a border post.

French torpedo anti-terror talks

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. – The French authorities torpedoed the meeting of the seven industrialized countries on terrorism that was meant to take place on Friday, in Rome after the Italian foreign minister leaked information about it to the media.

The meeting, proposed by the Americans, was supposed to remain secret. Foreign ministry directors from the U.S., Britain, France, Canada, Italy, Germany and Japan were to discuss the situation created by the recent abductions of Western hostages in Beirut. But Italian Foreign Minister Andreotti, on an official visit to Washington, revealed the information.

According to reliable sources, both French President Mitterrand and Premier Chirac then decided to call off the meeting. On Wednesday the U.S. charge d'affaires was told of the French decision.

Foreign Minister Jean Bernard Raimond also informed the American diplomat that the U.S. military activity in the Eastern Mediterranean was worrying Paris and warned him against any military action, on the grounds that this could endanger the lives of the hostages.

A French foreign ministry spokesman said later that the Rome meeting was not "the right place" to discuss the situation of the hostages. "Difficult and complex issues of that kind... will continue to be treated on a bilateral level in a discreet way," he said.

In reply to a question, the spokesman explained that France had held talks with Syria and Iran in order to secure the release of the hostages.

Iran office in London openly buying arms

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – The silver plaque at the entrance to 4 Victoria Street asserts that the building is the headquarters of the National Iranian Oil Company. It isn't.

The centre of Iran's world arms buying operations is based on the top three floors of this nondescript office block, a stone's throw from the Houses of Parliament. Its real name is the Logistics Support Centre in the Name of God. Insiders call it "The Post Office."

Fifty Iranian officials, dealing in millions of pounds sterling each week, keep their country supplied with a constant stream of spares, missiles, shells, explosives and handgrenades.

The existence of the office is well known to the British government. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher claimed only last week in the House of Commons that there was nothing illegal in the office's activities, and that closing it would not stem the flow of arms to Iran but would lose money for Britain.

Liberal leader David Steel, among others, is incensed by this attitude, believing that it makes a mockery of Britain's oft-stated "no offensive weapons sales" policy. He accused Thatcher last week of complacency and double standards.

Israeli arms dealer Ya'acov Nimrodi and Saudi billionaire Adnan Khashoggi, have reportedly called at the office at one time or another to negotiate supplies from a list reportedly sent daily from Teheran.

According to recent reports, Britain itself has repeatedly broken its own arms embargo, negotiating the sale, and arranging the shipment of Chieftain tank spares to Teheran.

It is also widely known that Landrover has secured a contract for the supply of 3,000 vehicles, and that Plessey has arranged a £260 million package of radar equipment.

It is understood that "The Post Office" negotiates sales and oversees the shipment of arms to Teheran from all over Western Europe. Danish vessels are used, in the main, to pick up armaments from Portugal, Spain, Italy an Greece.

Often the Danish ships are also carrying Iraqi supplies. They stop first at the port of Kadimah to unload the Iraqi weaponry and then proceed to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.

"The Post Office" is now said to control the most lucrative arms network in the world, and Steel called on the government to take action.

"We should be trying to get the Gulf war stopped," he said in a television interview, adding that parliament was being misled over the size of the London connection.

"We're not being told of the true extent of the shipments directed from this country," he added.

UK pressing Teheran to free businessman

By Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – Britain stepped up pressure on Iran at the weekend for the release of Roger Cooper, the businessman who has been held in a Teheran jail for over a year.

Iran's chargé d'affaires was reprimanded at the Foreign Office and told that Cooper's appearance on Iranian Television on Thursday was "incomprehensible and totally unacceptable."

Cooper, 51, who has been held in the notorious Evin prison for 14 months without being charged, made a televised "confession," admitting to links with British intelligence.

IN BRIEF

Jordan executes Kawasmeh assassin

Post Middle East Staff

ABU DHABI. – Jordan has executed Naif al-Bayad, one of the murderers of PLO executive and deported Hebron mayor Fahd Kawasmeh, the semi-official *al-Ittihad* newspaper has reported.

The death sentence was carried out at an Amman prison on January 29, the newspaper quoted Jordanian sources as saying.

Kawasmeh was assassinated in the Jordanian capital on December 29, 1984. His killers were reportedly captured in September 1985 and were sentenced last month.

Kabul frees more political prisoners

MOSCOW (AFP). – Afghan authorities released another 1,500 prisoners from the Kabul central jail yesterday under an amnesty programme announced on January 15 by the government, Tass reported.

Under the amnesty affecting some 5,000 prisoners, which was adopted in late January as part of a national reconciliation plan initiated by Soviet-backed Afghan leader Najibullah, all members of opposition groups were to be pardoned for "anti-government activities" carried out prior to announcement of the unilateral ceasefire which has been rejected by the guerrillas.

Prisoners convicted of carrying out sabotage attacks or other acts of "terrorism" and espionage were excluded from the amnesty.

U.S. counterfeit haul nets record $17.7m.

LOS ANGELES (AP). – Secret service agents seized a record $17.7 million in counterfeit $100 bills in California and Idaho after arresting two men in an undercover investigation, spokesmen said on Friday.

Wick A. Helmandollar, a 40-year-old typographer from Salmon, Idaho, and cement worker Harold Cooper, 56, of Buena Park, California, were arrested without incident on Thursday, agent Mike Cohen said. Most of the bogus dollars were recovered after the arrests.

Chad throws back attack by Libya

N'DJAMENA (AFP). – Chadian troops have repulsed a Libyan offensive against the government-held oasis of Zouar in the far northwest of the country, officials in the capital said yesterday. Nineteen Libyans were reportedly killed.

However, analysts said that the main Libyan attack was expected to come soon against Fada, an oasis in the northeast of the country which was taken from Libyan troops by government forces on January 2. They said Zouar, located in the remote Tibesti mountains, was basically a "sideshow."

Sri Lankan troops kill 22 Tamil rebels

COLOMBO (AFP). – Twenty-two Tamil separatists and seven soldiers were killed yesterday when government troops attacked strongholds of the main Tamil militant group in northern Sri Lanka, military sources said.

The attacks were part of a major offensive launched in the northern Jaffna Peninsula area on Friday against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the largest separatist group.

Yesterday's operations were concentrated on LTTE strongholds in the Jaffna Peninsula as well as points south of the peninsula.

Ten guerrillas were killed at Kilinochchi and two wounded when government troops attacked Tamil separatist hideouts there.

An ammunition dump was destroyed in the raid and troops captured a large number of weapons, including mortars and rifles, the sources said.

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U.S. aircraft carrier in Haifa

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. – The 82,000-ton American aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy arrived here Friday morning for a week-long visit from its position with the U.S. armada off Beirut.

Rear Admiral Grant A. Sharp came ashore immediately after the ship dropped anchor outside the port, but made no comment except that he was happy to be in Haifa. He then drove to the Israeli naval base in the port to meet OC Navy Aluf Avraham Ben-Shoshan.

The carrier was accompanied by the 10,000-ton ammunition ship, USS Nitro, which dropped anchor near here.

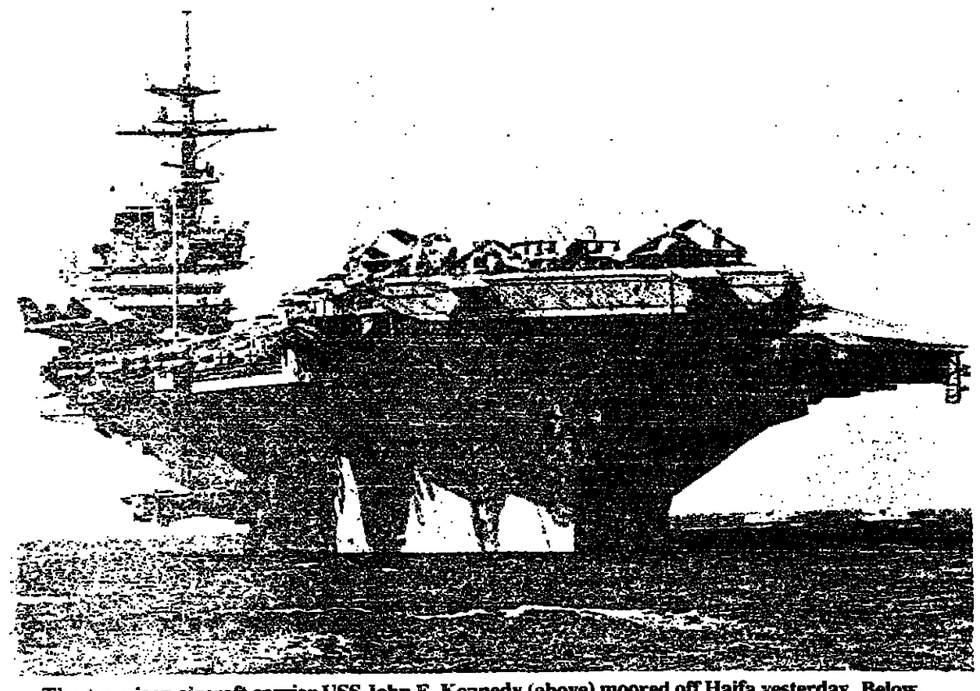
The Kennedy has some 85 aircraft and a crew of nearly 5,000 seamen and aviators, who soon descended on the town to enjoy their shore leave. They were ordered to keep in touch with the beach guard station set up in the port, in case of developments in the Lebanese hostage situation.

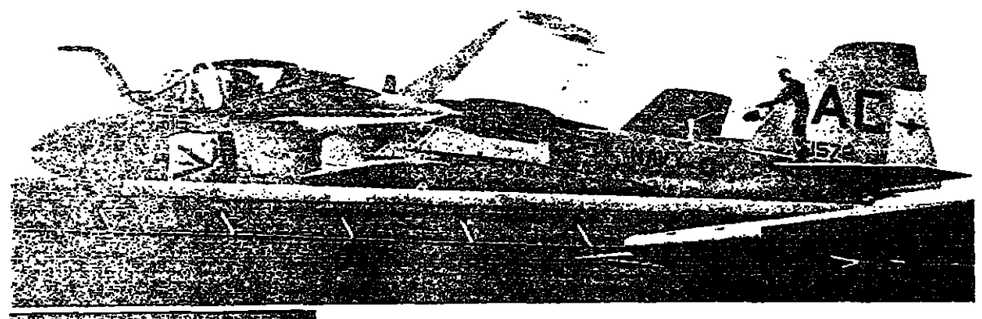
The big carrier was clearly visible from all over Mt. Carmel, and her gleaming aircraft lined up on her flight deck, with their wings folded, looked as though they were put out to dry after being washed. Yesterday morning little white sailboats of the Carmel Yacht Club swarmed around the big ship like flies.

At the beach guard station in the port, where the ship's launches brought the men for shore leave, the city's tourism development company handed out maps and brochures and provided information. The USO Fleet Centre on Mt. Carmel was also crowded with men getting snacks and information and addresses for home hospitality with Haifa families.

Tomorrow, another Sixth Fleet vessel, the supply ship Savannah is due here, and a flotilla of five combat ships are to arrive on Monday, for a fortnight's stay. On Tuesday, two Italian Navy ships are due for a four-day visit.

Three British naval ships that were to have come next Thursday have cancelled their call.





The American aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (above) moored off Haifa yesterday. Below, a crewman mops down one of the warplanes on board. (Photos by Brian Hendler)



Rear-Admiral Grant A. Sharp, commander of the U.S. Navy task force deployed off the coast of Lebanon, comes ashore. (Brian Hendler)



Sailors from the carrier study a map of Haifa before setting out to explore the city. (C. Nutkiewicz/Media)

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Gaza unrest hits illicit garages

By BRADLEY BURSTON
For The Jerusalem Post

GAZA. – The nearly three weeks of continuous unrest that have disrupted commerce and tranportation in many areas of the Gaza Strip has taken an especially heavy toll on one of the regions most lucrative – and notorious – industrial enterprises: the so-called "underground garages."

Hidden in citrus orchards, behind dry-goods stores, and in walled-off backyards of private homes, Gaza's extensive network of underground garages is said by police to be the ultimate destination of one out of every three of the 15,000 cars stolen in Israel annually.

A senior detective assigned to the car-theft detail, asserts that experienced Gaza mechanics can "perform their surgery" (entirely dismantle a car's saleable parts) in 20 minutes or less.

Until recently, the underground garages did a brisk traffic in a wide range of illicit automotive services, including the sale and installation of stolen parts, and "car theft-to-order," a complex transaction in which specified makes and models are stolen and matched with a large inventory of abandoned vehicles. Licence plates, registration documents, and engine-block serial numbers are replaced, and the "refurbished" stolen car is delivered to its new owner, often a discreet Jewish client in the greater Tel Aviv area.

Mountains of gutted auto hulks all along the Gaza Strip are eloquent if unattractive testimony to the success of the "industry" here.

Since January, however, the combined effects of a nationwide police crackdown on the auto-theft networks and a beefed-up presence of security forces in the wake of violent unrest have thrown a wrench into the garages' formerly smooth-running operation. Large concentrations of Border Police and patrolling army units have effectively cut off some garages both from their principal supply sources and from their prized marketing outlets across the pre-1967 border.

"Not only have many of the most important smuggling routes been closed lately," the detective told *The Jerusalem Post*, "but the continual checking of cargo and documents for security reasons has discouraged garage operators from taking to the roads."

Despite the current decrease in underground garage activity, the detective believes that the area's stolen-car entrepreneurs have too large a stake in their businesses to give up their tempting trade indefinitely.

"People all over Gaza have sold whatever businesses they had before this in order to open garages. They've sold restaurants, small clothing factories. These days it doesn't pay here to have any kind of business other than illegal garages, which bring into the area millions of dollars a year. As a result, the whole place has simply turned into one big garage," the detective said.

MUSIC REVIEW

Lack of empathy

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. – Claudio Abbado conducting (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, February 5). Mahler: Symphony No. 9 in D flat major.

EACH ONE of Mahler's symphonies constitutes a whole world of human feelings, emotions and thoughts relayed by means of myriads of musical ideas. This world grows and expands before us into almost unreachable infinity.

Abbado's rendition however remained closed and contracted with events occurring in perfect order but never combined into an all-encompassing statement of Mahlerian proportions.

Mahler demands total identification – actually a spiritual union between the performer and the music.

Abbado not only did not identify, he desperately avoided identification. He approached the music from an external observation point, regarding it as his duty to reproduce the score with meticulous accuracy and to make all the notes sound right in time and textural location.

But what about the earthshaking conflict of forces of the first movement, the bizzare eccentricity of the second and third and, finally, the almost unbearable feeling of irrevocable departure and farewell of the last movement which actually should never come to an end?

Abbado never really penetrated the instrumental outer layer of all this. Even the last, slowly dying pianissimo section of the final movement, which did not develop from it organically but rather sounded like an independent addendum, never went beyond its purely instrumental meaning. *BENJAMIN BAR-AM*

Katsav concerned over drug addiction in Israel

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – Israel is planning to call for an international police effort to crack down on drugs, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav said at the weekend.

Interviewed by *The Jerusalem Post* during his nine-day official visit to Britain, Katsav said that Israel was caught "in the eye of the Middle East drugs storm," and that only international police cooperation could break smuggling rings and stop the distribution of addictive drugs.

"Drug addiction is a serious and growing problem in Israel," the minister said, adding that he had been very impressed with British institutes for treatment of drug addiction.

"They have a 30 per cent rehabilitation rate at these centres," he said, "which might not sound terribly successful, but which in fact is very impressive. No matter how good the treatment, though, prevention is the key to beating drugs."

During his visit, Katsav held talks with Health Minister Norman Fowler and discussed the growing problem of Aids.

"We are lucky not to have as serious an Aids problem as exists in Britain," he said, adding that Israel would continue to exchange information with Britain on countering the disease.

Katsav also held meetings to discuss juvenile delinquency, insurance fraud and Britain's Youth Opportunities Scheme for unemployed youngsters.

He also met with Employment Minister Lord Young, and concluded that Israel was "doing very well" to be holding joblessness down to 7 per cent, compared to Britain's 30 per cent unemployment rate in some areas.

When he meets on Tuesday with British Foreign Office Minister Timothy Renton, Katsav will make no secret of the Likud's opposition to the idea of an international peace conference.

Katsav said that such a conference "would not be useful for Israel or for the Arab states."

Katsav said that the Likud was less than happy to see Foreign Minister Peres touring European capitals touting the idea, "which has never won the support of this government." But, he added, foreign ministers were traditionally allowed some leeway, and the Likud would not seek to block these Peres missions.

Cruise ships desert the Mediterranean

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. – The Mediterranean has become a virtual "dead sea," as far as cruise shipping is concerned.

Tensions in the area have made most of the cruise ships that used to ply the Med change course for the "calmer" Caribbean.

Only 16 cruise ships have informed the port of their intention to come here this year and the show of strength of the American armada off Lebanon is unlikely to improve the situation.

In the past year, which was a "bad" year because of the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking, 70 cruise ships brought tens of thousands of tourists here for one- to three- day visits.

IN BRIEF

Man who tried to con Balas's lawyer released

NETANYA (Itim). – A Hod Sharon building contractor who admitted to trying to con financier David Balas's lawyer out of $40,000, was released on Friday in magistrates' court here on $25,000 bail.

Michael Sharon was arrested by police when he took an envelope containing the money from the lawyer's representative. He had handed over documents that he said proved that those who testified against Balas had lied. Balas is accused of having defrauded the United Kibbutz Movement of $29 million.

Sharon told the court that he committed the fraud on his own because of mounting debts.

'Run-away' receives suspended sentence

BEERSHEBA. – A Kiryat Gat man who reportedly "copes with stress by running away," received a nine-month suspended sentence on Friday from the magistrates court here for crossing the border into Jordan.

In June 1986, Rami Ben Mohammad Ali Kot, 55, went to the Dead Sea area and crossed into Jordan. Two weeks later he was returned to Israel over the Allenby Bridge. He originally told Israeli officials that a helicopter with Jordanian soldiers had kidnapped him and brought him to Jordan, but later, he confessed.

During the trial it was learned that Kot had previously crossed the border into Syria, and that even in Turkey from where he immigrated eight years ago, he would cross into foreign countries whenever he felt too much pressure.

Kot, who is married to a Jewish woman and who is the father of five children – was laid off from his job as a mechanic with Polgat two years ago. (Itim)

Man declared innocent after 3 years in jail

A Beersheba man who had already spent three years in jail for armed robbery was acquitted by the Supreme Court on Firday.

Aharon Kosashvili had been sentenced to seven years for allegedly taking part in the knife-point robbery of a Beersheba businessman.

The businessman's son and one of the two robbers were wounded during a struggle, but the robbers escaped. Kosashvili brought the wounded robber to hospital, and the two were spotted there by the businessman's family. In a police line-up held later, family members identified Kosashvili as the second robber.

The Supreme Court ruled that the line-up was invalid, since the family had already seen Kosashvili at the hospital. (Itim)

Anti-Zionist professor denied tenure at Suny

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. – A controversial black South African professor, who told his classes at a Long Island university that Zionism is a form of racism, has been denied tenure but offered a "continuing position" in the New York State university system.

State University Chancellor Clifton Wharton, who left his position on February 1, issued a decision two days earlier denying an appeal for tenure by Ernest Dube, a professor of African Studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Wharton's decision on Dube was an affirmation of a 1985 ruling by Stony Brook President John Marburger denying tenure to Dube, and meant that the professor, who also has served as a member of the African National Congress Mission at the UN, will not be able to teach at Stony Brook after August. However, Wharton offered Dube a "continuing position" at another state university campus willing to accept him.

Wharton wrote Dube in a letter that he had a strong record of community service, but lacked enough scholarly publications to qualify for tenure. But Wharton noted: "It is clear that the circumstances surrounding consideration of your tenure and the human environment in which it is taking place (are) not neutral or merely academic."

The Dube controversy began in the summer of 1983, when a visiting Israeli professor, Dr. Selwyn Troen, accused Dube of using his course, "The Politics of Race," as a propaganda forum against Israel and Zionism. Dube, who was imprisoned in South Africa in the mid-1960s taught his class that Zionism was a form of "reactive racism," and asked his classes to respond to a test question which read. "Zionism is as much racism as Nazism was racism."

A faculty committee cleared Dube of charges that he had violated academic ethics, but an angered Jewish community pressured Marburger to forbid the teaching of "Zionism is racism."

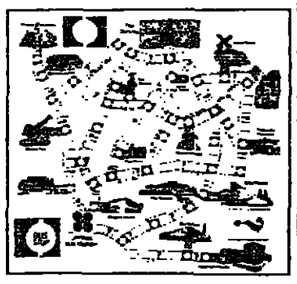
Governor Mario Cuomo also denounced the Stony Brook faculty for not speaking out against Dube's teachings.

The pressure by the Jewish community on Marburger to get rid of Dube engendered strong support for the professor by black students and faculty. African Studies Department head Imamu Amiri Baraka, (formerly called Leroi Jones) a radical black poet and historian who was accused of anti-Semitism during the 1960s, told the Long Island newspaper, *Newsday*, that Wharton's decision was "mealy-mouthed and hypocritical," and charged that such a decision would have been made only in the case of a black man.

Wharton, who had been state university chancellor since 1978, also is black.

Rabbi Arthur Seltzer, former executive director of the Long Island branch of the Anti-Defamation League, who led the Jewish protest against Dube's teachings, said he is "gratified" by Wharton's decision. It "seems to vindicate our concerns that there was a serious lack of professionalism and an abuse of the classrooms of the state university," he said.

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WOMAN LEADER

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a well-known Jewish philanthropist and political activist. There was a similar "run" on other banks in Ohio because of that collapse.

In both failures, there were allegations of theft and gross mismanagement.

The American Jewish community clearly has been shocked by these scandals involving prominent Jewish families as well as by the Boesky affair and other allegations of corruption against several Jewish politicians in New York and Philadelphia. Late last year, Ivan Boesky was fined a record $100 million by the U.S. Justice Department for profiting from illegal "insider trading" on the stock market.

Since then, the names of Boesky and other mostly-Jewish traders on Wall Street who have been implicated in various illegal activities have remained in the headlines – a source of considerable embarrassment to the American Jewish community.

Like Cardin, Levitt and Warner, Boesky had been very generous in his financial contributions to many Jewish causes, including the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York – the major rabbinical school for the Conservative movement, and the United Jewish Appeal/Federation in New York. Boesky had also pledged a huge sum to construct a Jewish students' centre at Princeton University in New Jersey. But plans for that student centre and other projects have been derailed by his indictment and fine.

Niches and night shifts

While women are still missing from the upper rungs of the career ladder, greater specialization in management tasks has created new places for them, Carol Novis reports. Lower down that ladder, writes Lea Levavi, married women are proving reliable night workers.



(Richard Nowitz)

TEN YEARS AGO, about 12 per cent of managerial positions in both the government and private sectors were held by women. That figure has risen today, with women comprising 40 per cent of the working population, by only a minuscule four per cent.

"There has been no revolution," declared Dr. Daphna Izraeli, who spoke on "Women in Management" at a recent meeting of the First Tuesday Network for professional women at the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel.

But, she added, things are not quite as bad as the statistics seem to show. "A tremendous amount has happened in the last few years. We are now seeing (more) women as role models in management."

A senior lecturer in sociology and anthropology at Bar-Ilan University, Izraeli specializes in work organization, political processes and gender roles. Her 1982 book, *The Double Bind*, looked at the situation – and dilemmas – of working women.

Since then, her research has led Izraeli to define other obstacles in the path of the upward-bound woman manager, although she has also found that some conditions now favour the advancement of women.

First, she said, employers now realize that if they are to succeed in sophisticated, international markets, it's not good enough to hire a retired party functionary or someone who has a brother in the business. Today, they need managers with an academic degree.

"The academization of business administration," she said, "means that women now have an entry path that wasn't open to them before. A degree says, 'I know this and this' – it means a person doesn't depend on anyone else."

This may account for the fact that women are increasingly seeking academic degrees. Izraeli noted that between 1973 and 1982, the percentage of women of the total number of students at schools of management and business administration increased from 12 to 21 per cent.

ANOTHER factor working in favour of women has been the trend towards greater specialization of management tasks. This has created niches, according to Izraeli, which women can enter more readily.

For example, there has been an increasing demand for managers to specialize in fields such as marketing, computers, public relations – relatively new fields, with no "sex label." Sometimes, she added, stereotypes like "women are more diplomatic" even work to their advantage in these fields.

Another factor that benefits women in management is that as they have entered higher positions and have proved themselves, employers' fears have receded.

"People have seen that women can be talented and hard-working," Izraeli said. "I see signs all around us that the general public is beginning to accept the fact that women are serious about developing careers. There's a change pending in the law on maternity leave, so that the father as well as the mother can take time off after the birth of a child. There's a feeling that parents – not just the mother – are responsible for what happens at home.

"If you look around, you see advertisements from service firms who are prepared to do repairs at night. More shops are open in the evenings. People are realizing that a lot of women are working."

Izraeli feels that one of the fields in which women are most likely to rise up the ladder is education, in which there are a higher proportion of women at every level. She has found that the larger the proportion of women employed in a particular branch, the larger the number of women managers.

In education, for example, 71 per cent of "managers" – school principals and supervisors – are women who have worked their way up from being teachers. Izraeli attributed this to the recruitment pool for school principals, in which women have a strong and competitive advantage in terms of numbers and qualifications, relative to men.

In other fields, progress has been less noticeable. Women generally tend to concentrate in personnel-related work, rather than in more "powerful" jobs. Their gains, added Izraeli, have been in lower- and middle-, rather than upper-management positions.

In one major Israeli bank, for example, women make up 50 per cent of those employed but only about 14 per cent of the "signing" officers. Similarly, in the civil service, women comprise 51 per cent of those employed but only 11 per cent of those in the top five grades of the administrative hierarchy.

COMPARED to the United States, Israeli women managers haven't done particularly well, she explained.

"When the U.S. introduced affirmative action in the 1970s, firms who had contracts with the government were obliged to prove that they weren't discriminating. They actually went looking for women to hire and established specific training programmes for them.

"The proportion of women managers went up three-fold. Half of the students at American business schools are now women. It has become improper to discriminate. "Here," she said wryly, "it's still quite respectable to say things like, 'I can't hire her because she has children.'"

There are also cultural restraints which work against the promotion of women, according to Izraeli. Many of Israel's mangers come from the ranks of the Israel Defence Forces. Women can't enter that elite because they lack the "old boy" network connections which come from shared combat experience, she noted, and former army officers in turn, tend to search out other officers to hire, with whom they share a leadership culture.

Another major factor working to the detriment of would-be managers is the country's strong emphasis on family, Izraeli continued. Given the fact that women are expected to give priority to their marriages and families, it's natural that they gravitate to jobs with flexible hours, or those which can be coordinated with their children's schedules. Management jobs are not flexible, often demanding overtime, and much commitment and responsibility.

A COMMON reaction of employers when the problems of women in management are mentioned, the lecturer noted, is denial. Discrimination doesn't exist at all, according to this scenario. Look at the Israeli women who have succeeded at the highest level.

There is also what Izraeli called the "Golda Meir effect."

Golda and others like her are "tokens who sustain the myth that any woman who is competent and strongly motivated can advance to a key position in the economy," she said. But Golda was hardly a successful role model.

"As she points out in her own autobiography, Golda neglected her children and felt guilt for her failures as a mother. She presented the high cost which women, but not men, must pay to achieve positions of power and prestige."

(In the recent book *Women Like Us* which studied 82 women graduates of the Harvard School of Business 10 years after their graduation, the authors found that all but eight were working full time and the majority were earning between $30,000 and $60,000. But they had paid a price for success: One-third had never married; 13 had been divorced; only 24 had children; 35 had been in therapy; two had been anorexic.)

The situation is not quite as grim here, Izraeli said, where the marriage rate of women in management jobs is exactly the same as the rate for women in other occupations who have over 16 years of education.

"Women in super-achieving positions everywhere pay a high price, and so do men. But," she added, "the rewards are also very high."

C.N.

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MARRIED WOMEN have an easier time working on a shift basis than do single women, according to a recent study by Bar-Ilan University's Meira Friedman.

Friedman, who presented her findings for her master's thesis in industrial psychology, explodes several other widely-accepted myths with her study.

Among other things, she discovered that married women actually come to work on a more regular basis than do their single female co-workers.

"Employers are usually very reluctant to hire married women for fear of absenteeism due to sick children. But I found that single women actually take more time off than their married colleagues," Friedman explained.

Although she limited her experimental control group to white-collar employees working 12-hour shifts, Friedman had more than an academic understanding of her subject. During her graduate school years, the industrial psychologist supported herself by working at the Tourism Ministry's counter at Ben-Gurion Airport, where her routine consisted of non-consecutive 12-hour shifts.

Many single women are dissatisfied with this sort of arrangement, she said, because it limits their social life However, for married women, working at night may eliminate the need for a *metapelet* (babysitter) and thus creates relatively few conflicts between home and office.

"This may be less true in industry, or in fields like nursing, where the work makes physical demands and shifts cannot be longer than eight hours," said Friedman.

MARITAL STATUS was not the only variable considered in the study. Friedman was also curious about whether the woman was a "morning" or "evening" type of person, and how much social support she got from family and friends. In addition, Friedman determined each subject's "sex type."

Sex type, she explained, is a determination of whether a woman conforms to traditional feminine stereotypes (dependent, emotional, etc.), whether she is androgynous (combing stereotypically male and stereotypically female traits) or whether she conforms to so-called male sex role stereotypes.

"Androgynous types are considered the most mentally normal since they behave according to the demands of the particular situation," she said. "But I found that conflicts between job and home were more intense among androgynous women than among the "male" types. Maybe it's because androgynous women aren't sure which way they want to go, so they have more conflicts."

As could be expected, women who are "evening" types were happier with shift work than were those who were "morning" types. Those who had social support, or were independent enough not to need it, coped better than the others.

IN ADDITION to the issue of conflict between work and home, Friedman also evaluated her subjects' degree of satisfaction with work and with life in general.

"Evening" types and "male" types were more satisfied with work than the rest, but satisfaction with life in general was highest among married women who enjoyed support from family and friends.

Friedman's study did not deal with men, although in her research she came to understand some of the problems faced by male shift workers.

"Married men complain that they can't keep pace with the rest of the family. When they work nights, they don't get to see their kids. The kids wake them when they come home from school but the father is so tired that he cannot give the kids attention or eat lunch with the family, and he feels guilty about that," she said.

Wouldn't a working mother share the same problems?

"I don't think so," said Friedman. "If she gets a little sleep during the night shift (we, for instance, got at least three hours sleep), she only needs a few hours sleep when she gets home in the morning and she can function normally."

L.L.

Fruits 'n nuts

Daniel Rogov suggests dishes for Tu Bishvat.

EVEN THE most level-headed, clear-thinking Israeli is confused when the calendar commands him to celebrate the holiday of Tu Bishvat in mid-February.

The holiday, it should be remembered, marks the onset of spring. It represents that time when the winter solstice has passed and when the fruits of the earth – and especially the trees – begin to come into flower. To children, the holiday is even known as the "birthday" of the trees.

All of this is fine except that in the middle of February, most of us are still shivering in our apartments, trying desperately to avoid getting soaked to the bone in bitter-cold rainstorms, and hoping beyond hope that March will be just a bit dryer and warmer.

But celebrate we do, perhaps as much in an effort to warm up as anything else. We enjoy sampling those fruits that will, despite the cold of the day, eventually come to ripeness. Nuts and dried fruits also go into the holiday meals, which are prepared to utilize fruits and produce to excellent culinary advantage.

Following is a Tu Bishvat dinner for four to six people that centres around fresh, dried and tinned fruits, all of which are available at this time of year.

Appetizer Course

Stuffed Vine Leaves

450 gm. vine leaves
225 gm. lean ground beef
¾ cup pitted prunes
¼ cup each uncooked rice and seedless raisins
¼ cup pitted cherries
2 tbs. parsley, chopped finely
1 tbs. fresh mint leaves, chopped
2 lemons, sliced thinly, with rind
½ tsp. each salt, black pepper, turmeric
¼ tsp. sweet paprika
½ cup olive oil

If using fresh grape leaves, soak in hot water for about five minutes. If using prepared leaves, soak five to six hours in cold water. In either case, squeeze dry gently between towelling.

Soak the prunes in water for about 3 hours, remove and chop coarsely. Chop the cherries and raisins coarsely.

Combine all the ingredients (except the vine leaves, lemon and oil) and fill the leaves, tucking in the edges while rolling. The finished rolled leaves should be about 5 cm. in length.

Cover the bottom of a shallow pan with lemon slices. Arrange on these the stuffed leaves and cover with another layer of lemon slices. Pour over the oil and 2 cups of water. Cook over a medium flame, covered, for 1 hour.

Remove from the flame and discard the upper layer of lemon slices. With a slotted spoon remove the stuffed leaves from the liquid. If served hot, each rolled leaf may be served on one of the cooked lemon slices. If served cold, discard the lemon and chill the leaves well.

Main Course

Chicken with Prune Stuffing

1 lge. roasting chicken, about 2 kilos
675 gm. pitted prunes
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. each sweet paprika and black pepper
½ tsp. oregano

Place the prunes in a bowl and pour boiling water over to cover them. Let stand one hour. With a slotted spoon, remove the prunes and reserve the liquid.

Cut away unwanted fat from the chicken and wash the bird well, inside and out. Pat dry with towelling and sprinkle the cavity with 1 tsp. salt. Sprinkle the outside of the chicken with the remaining salt, pepper and paprika. Loosely stuff the cavity with the prunes, place in an ovenproof casserole and roast in a 350°F (180°C) oven for 40 minutes, basting frequently with the liquid from the prunes.

Add the remaining prunes and continue to roast until the chicken is done (about 45 minutes).

Orange Rice

1 cup rice, uncooked
1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup orange juice, strained
½ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup onion, chopped coarsely
rind of 1 orange, chopped
1 tbs. parsley, chopped coarsely
1 tsp. salt

In a large heavy skillet, melt the butter or margarine and sauté together the celery, onion and parsley for 5 minutes.

To the skillet add 1½ cups water, the orange juice, orange rind and salt. Bring to a boil, stir in the rice, cover and simmer gently until the rice is tender (about 20 minutes). Remove from the flame, uncover and let stand four or five minutes. Serve hot.

Vegetable Course

Onions and Green Peppers with Almonds

450 gm. baby onions
2 med. green peppers
½ cup each blanched almonds and butter or margarine
2 tsp. brown sugar
2 whole cloves
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. each cayenne pepper, garlic powder and grated nutmeg

Peel onions carefully and leave whole. Halve the green peppers and remove the stem and seeds. Slice each pepper half into 4 lengthwise slices.

In a skillet, melt the butter and in this sauté the almonds gently until they begin to brown. Stir in sugar, salt and spices. Add the onions and green peppers, stirring well.

Transfer the mixture to an ovenproof casserole, cover and bake in a 350°F (180) oven until the vegetables are just tender (about 30 minutes). Serve hot, either with the chicken or afterwards, on a separate plate.



(Lisa Pleskow)

Dessert Course

Pears in Red Wine

8 lge. pears, halved lengthwise and cored
1 bottle dry red wine
1 cup + 2 tbs. sugar
2 lemons, sliced
4 whole cloves

Arrange the pears in a single layer in a lightly-greased baking dish.

In a saucepan, combine wine, cloves, 1 cup of the sugar and ¼ cup of water. Heat just until the wine begins to simmer and then pour this over the pears. Sprinkle about ¼ tsp. sugar over each pear half and then arrange the lemon slices over the pears. Bake in a 350°F (180°C) oven for 20 minutes.

Remove from the oven. Turn the pears and again sprinkle ¼ tsp. of sugar over each half. Return to the oven until the pears are done (about 15 minutes longer). Cover and cool in the refrigerator. Serve cold. Excellent when served with sweetened whipped cream.

In brief

HAIM AND Yetti Keren, parents of five-month-old quintuplets, have not yet had the opportunity to enjoy the children for whom they waited 15 years.

One of the five babies is suffering from serious respiratory problems and needs special treatment above and beyond the normal care required by the babies. The Kerens, living in Petah Tikva, are finding the situation financially – and mentally – draining.

Shimrit, the sick baby, needs more help than the 24-hour caretaker the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has provided up until now.

"When the baby turns blue and stops breathing, everyone has to drop what they are doing and run to her," said Haim Keren, who is now paying NIS 1,000 a month for an extra, non-professional helper at night just for Shimrit.

Keren, who has received help from his colleagues at Motorola and from the government in the form of large loans, is still short of money. His and Yetti's families are unable to help them out, financially or otherwise.

The future, at the moment, does not look bright as clothing, food, and other expenses will only increase.

Those interested in helping the family may call them at 03-9224695.

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AS PART OF Na'amat's current campaign aimed at raising consciousness regarding women's health issues, a five-part lecture series is planned that is beginning tomorrow.

On Monday nights at 7:30 during the next two months, local experts will be talking on various topics at Na'amat's centre at 10 Shalom Aleichem St. in Jerusalem. Tomorrow's lecture on self-examination of the breast will be given by family physician Dr. Rina Yahalom.

Other lectures will focus on heart disease (Feb. 23), family planning (Mar. 9), menopause (Mar. 23), and proper nutrition (Apr. 4).

For more information, call 690608.

THERE IS power in numbers and the Haifa Women's Centre is looking to expand its membership so that it can more effectively lobby for the improved status of women in the workplace, in the army, in the courts, and in the home.

Comprised of Jewish and Arab women from the entire Galilee region and Haifa, the centre organizes a variety of activities including lecture series, study days, support groups, and lobbying campaigns.

On the premises at its Hadar office (88 Arlozorov St.) is a library and archive of women's literature and a meeting area which is open to the public.

For more information about the Haifa Women's Centre and its activities, call (04) 664949.

Today is edited by Amy Levinson.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.00 Teletext **8.03** Keep Fit **8.15** School Broadcasts **14.00** Teletext **14.03** Keep Fit **14.15** No Secrets **14.45** Hello Israel **15.00** Everyman's University **16.00** Rehov Sumsum **16.30** The Squad (part 11) **17.00** A New Evening – live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Between Us – children's magazine **18.00** Lucky Luke – animated Western
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup **18.32** What's the Answer? **18.45** Inventions and Innovations **19.00** Weekly News Magazine
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at **20.00** with a news roundup **20.02** Till Pop – pop and entertainment magazine **20.30** Small Claims – live cases of the small claims court **21.00** Mabat Newsreel **21.30** Entertainment **21.55** Basketball – live broadcast from Seattle, USA of the annual NBA East-West Game **00.00** News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Who's the Boss **21.10** Documentary **22.00** News in English **22.20** Magnum P.I.
MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Good News **15.00** Arabic Movie **16.30** Treasure Island **17.00** Flying House **17.30** Muppets **18.00** Punky Brewster **18.30** Silver Spoons **19.00** Sixty Minutes **20.00** Man Bilong Hole **21.00** Movie: Bill **22.30** Good News

RADIO

Voice of Music

6.02 Morning Melodies
7.05 Beethoven: Quintet for Piano and Wind Instruments; Offenbach: Gaite Parisienne; Stravinsky: Pulcinella; Scarlatti: Selection of Sonatas
9.00 Pergolesi: La serva Padrona; Arlaga: Quartet No.2; Prokofiev: Sinfonia Concertante for Cello and Orchestra; Mahler: Symphony No.4
12.00 Jerome Barry, baritone, Amnon Silver and Yonatan Zak, piano – songs by Faure, Schubert and Schumann
13.05 Handel: Concerto No.1 for 2 Orchestras (Academy of Ancient Music/Hogwood); Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No.1 (Zukerman, members of Los Angeles Philharmonic); Mozart: Quartet for Flute and Strings K.285b (Nicolet, Tel, Steinberg, Menze); Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto (Mintz, Chicago/Abbado); Grieg: Romance and Variations on a Norwegian Theme (Philharmonia/Leppard)
15.00 Contemporary Music
16.00 Bach: Cantata No.125 (Esswood, Equiluz, Tolz Boys Choir/Schmidt-Gaden); Rossini: Missa Gloria (BBC Soloists, English Chamber/Handt); Brahms: Triumphlied Op.55 (Prague Philharmonic Choir, Czech Philharmonic/Sinopoli); Mozart: De Profundis
18.00 "Piano Melodies"
19.00 Light classical music
20.00 Musical medley
20.30 "Music lovers club" Concert – Milhaud: 8 Jewish Poems for Soprano and Piano; Honegger: Rhapsody for 2 Flutes, Clarinet and Piano; Ravel: 3 Songs Madagascar for Soprano, Flute, Cello and Piano; Villa Lobos: Quintet for Flute, Oboe, English Horn, Clarinet and Bassoon; Kodaly: Trio for 2 Violins and Viola; Milhaud: Six Hebrew Folk Songs; Stravinsky: "L'Histoire du Soldat", suite
22.30 Styles of Traditional Yugoslavian Music
23.00 Haydn's Quartets

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
8.05 Compass – with Benny Hendel
9.05 Information for Listeners
10.05 Hebrew songs
11.10 School Broadcasts
11.30 Folksongs
12.05 Oriental songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.00 Children's programmes
15.30 Education for all
16.05 Enrichment
17.20 Everyman's University
18.06 Jewish Traditions
18.50 Bible Reading
19.06 Jewish Thought – talk by Prof. Itamar Greenwald
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.06 Child and Family Magazine

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light – drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning – news magazine
8.05 Making an Issue
9.05 House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
10.05 All Shades of the Network – morning magazine
11.30 Safe Journey
12.10 O.K. on Two
13.00 Midday – news commentary, music
14.05 Humour
15.05 Magic Moments
16.05 Songs and Homework
17.05 Economics Magazine
18.06 Press Conference
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today – radio newsreel
19.35 The Jewish People
20.05 Oriental songs
22.05 Soundtrack
23.05 Third Ball – arts magazine

Army

6.05 University on the Air
6.30 Open Your Eyes – songs, information
7.07 "707" – with Alex Ansky
8.05 Good Morning Israel
9.05 In the Morning – with Eli Yisraeli
10.05 Coffee Break
11.05 Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
13.05 Daily Meeting – with Orly Yaniv
15.06 Time Out
16.05 Open line to Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres
17.00 Evening Newsreel
18.06 Economics Magazine
19.00 Sports Magazine
20.06 The Making of a State (repeat)
21.00 Mabat – TV newsreel
21.30 University on the Air
22.06 Popular songs
23.05 The 24th Hour
00.05 Night Birds – songs, chat

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CINEMA

JERUSALEM
Beit Agron: Airplane (II), 6; Smile of the Lamb 7:45; Midnight Express 9:30; **Eden:** Detective School Dropouts 4:30, 7, 9; **Edison:** Avenging Force 4:30, 7, 9; **Habira:** Avanti Popolo 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; **Jerusalem Theatre:** Ginger and Fred 6:46, 9:15; **Kfir:** Back to School 4:30, 7, 9; **Mitchell:** Vagabonde 7, 9; **Orgil:** Blue Velvet 4:30, 6:45; 9:15; **Orion Or 1:** Crocodile Dundee 4:30, 7, 9; **Orion Or 3:** Commando Leopard 4:30, 7, 9; **Orion Or 4:** Et la Tendresse? Bordel 4:30, 7; 9; **Orion Or 5:** Brother From Another Planet 4:30, 6:45; The Color Purple 8:30; **Orna:** Heartbreak Ridge 4, 6:45, 9:15; **Ron:** Arctic Heat 4:30, 7, 9; **Semadar:** My Beautiful Laundrette 7, 9:15.

TEL AVIV
Beit Leissin: Love and War 11:15 p.m. **Ben-Yehuda:** Legal Eagles 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Chen 1:** Heartbreak Ridge 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Chen 2:** Joshua Then and Now 7:25, 9:45; **Chen 3:** Malcolm 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Chen 4:** Blue Velvet 11, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Chen 5:** Ruthless People 11, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Cinema One:** Detective School Dropouts 4:30; 7:15, 9:30; **Cinema Two:** Top Gun 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Dekel:** Crocodile Dundee 7:15, 9:30; **Dizengoff 1:** My Beautiful Laundrette 11, 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **Dizengoff 2:** Mona Lisa 7:15, 9:40; A Room With a View 11, 1:30, 4:45; **Dizengoff 3:** Sid and Nancy 11, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **Drive-In:** Back to School 7:30, 9:40; Sex film 12 midnight; **Esther:** Enemy Mind 5, 7:15, 9:40; **Gat:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 5, 7:15, 9:40; **New Gordon:** Avanti Popolo 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Hakolnoa ZOA House:** Ginger and Fred 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 (exc. Wed.); **Hod:** Hot Target 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Israel Cinematheque:** Ladri di Biciclette 7; A Page of Madness & Tokyo Chorus 9:30; **Lev 1:** Orion Belt 5, 7:40, 9:40; **Lev 2:** Burmese Harp 2, 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Lev 3:** Trouble in Mind 7:40, 9:40; A Trip to Bountiful 2, 5; **Lev 4:** Choose Me 2, 5, 7:40, 9:40; **Limor Hamehudash:** Peggy Sue Got Married 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Crimes of passion 2; **Maxim:** The Hitcher 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Orly:** closed for renovations; **Paris:** Throne of Blood 12, 2, 4, 7:15, 9:30; **Peer:** A Breed Apart 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Shahaf:** Hannah and Her Sisters 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Sivan:** My Third Problem 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Tamuz Hamehudash:** Barry Lindon 7:30, 9:40; **Tchelet:** closed for renovations; **Tel Aviv:** Avenging Force 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Shoah (I), 7; (Sun. only): Shoah (II), 1; True Stories 7:30, 9:30; **Zafon:** The Mission 4:30, 7, 9:30

HAIFA
Amphitheatre: Hannah and Her Sisters 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Armon:** Heartbreak Ridge 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; **Atzmon 1:** Thunderbolt 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Atzmon 2:** Back to School 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; **Chen:** closed for renovations **Keren Or Hamehudash:** Forbidden 4:30, 7; 9:15; **Orah:** Purple Rose of Cairo 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Orly:** Blue Velvet 6:45, 9:15; **Peer:** Crocodile Dundee 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Rav-Gat 1:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Rav-Gat 2:** Peggy Sue Got Married 4:30, 6:45, 9:15; **Ron:** Avenging Force 4:30, 6:45, 9; **Shavit:** Avanti Popolo 7, 9.

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Heartbreak Ridge 4:30, 7, 9:40; **Lily:** Hannah and Her Sisters 7:15, 9:30; **Oasis:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 7:15, 9:40; **Ordea:** Detective School Dropouts 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Ruthless People 5, 7:35, 9:45; **Rav-Gan 2:** A Room With a View 4:45, 7, 9:40; **Rav-Gan 3:** Malcolm 5, 7:15, 9:40; **Rav Gan 4:** Joshua Then and Now 5, 7:20, 9:40.

HERZLIYA
Dan Accadia: Kiss of the Spiderwoman 7, 9:30; **Daniel Hotel:** My Beautiful Laundrette 7:15, 9:30 (not Wed.); **David:** Avanti Popolo 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Hechal:** Detective School Dropouts 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **New Tiferet:** Joshua Then and Now 7:15, 9:15.

HOLON
Armon Hamehudash: To Catch a King 7:15, 9:30; **Migdal:** Heartbreak Ridge 7:15, 9:30; **Savoy:** Hannah and Her Sisters 4:30, 7, 9:30.

BAT YAM
Atzmaut: Avenging Force 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

GIVATAYIM
Hadar: Avenging Force 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

RAMAT HASHARON
Kochav: Trois Hommes et un Coufin 7, 9:30;

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. Hechal 1: Big Trouble in Chinatown 4:30, (exc. Wed.), 7:15, 9:30; **G.G. Hechal 2:** Back to School 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **G.G. Hechal 3:** Detective School Dropouts 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM

Museums

ISRAEL MUSEUM. Exhibitions: Ketef Hinnom, includes priestly blessing (until 2.3) ◊ New York Now: 6 new-generation New York artists, representing East Village galleries trends ◊ Jews of Goteborg, Photographs and Items of Jews of Goteborg, Sweden ◊ Alvar Aalto, 1898-1976, master of Finnish architecture and design ◊ New Painting Acquisitions: Auguste Renoir, Pablo Picasso ◊ Joshua Borkovsky: Mirrors, The Garden, primordial landscapes (until 24.2) ◊ Fresh Paint, trends among young Israeli artists ◊ Animals in Ancient Art (Rockefeller) ◊ Islamic Art, architecture, arabesque, etc. ◊ Ancient Glass ◊ Bethlehem Embroidery, dresses and portions of costumes ◊ Photography in Nature ◊ Art in Context, audio-visual programme ◊ News in Antiquities (until 27.2) ◊ Big and Small, relative sizes in life, art and children's world ◊ Jewels of Children's Literature (until 25.2) ◊ Permanent exhibitions of Archeology, Judaica and Ethnic Art ◊
VISITING HOURS: Main Museum 10-5. At 11 and 3: guided tour of Museum (English); at 11: guided tour of archeology galleries (English); 1:30: Guided tour of Shrine of the Book in English.

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AMIT WOMEN (formerly American Mizrachi Women). Free Morning Tours – 8 Alkalai Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.

TEL AVIV

Museums

TEL AVIV MUSEUM. Exhibitions: ◊ Sitings ◊ Oskar Kokoschka, 1886-1980. Selection of Prints and Albums ◊ Trends in Geometric Abstract Art ◊ Edvard Munch, prints: Death, Love and Anxiety. VISITING HOURS: Sun.-Thur. 10-2, 5-9. Sat. 11-2, 7-10; Fri. closed. **Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: Exhibition:** David Hockney Photocollages. **Visiting Hours:** Sun.-Thur. 10-2; 5-9. Sat. 11-2; 7-10. Fri. closed.

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HADASSAH VISITORS DEPT. Astor Hotel, Room 01. 105 Hayarkon St., Tel. 03-223141.

HAIFA

Museums

HAIFA MUSEUM, 26 Shabbtai Levy St. Tel. 04-523255. Exhibitions: **Modern Art: Facing the Mirror – The Israeli Caricature, Ancient Art** – Jewish coins of the Second Temple Period, Egyptian textiles, terracotta figurines. **Music & Ethnology:** world paper cuts. Open: Sun.-Thur. & Sat. 10-1; Tue., Thur. & Sat. also 6-9. **Ticket also admits to National Maritime, Prehistoric and Japanese Museums.**
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Reduction in firms with money troubles

By SIMON LOUISSON
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. – Over 2,180 companies got into financial trouble in the last six months, but the figure marked an 11 per cent drop from the previous six months.

Financial analysts Dun and Bradstreet Ltd. said it was the first time since January 1985, that there was a decline.

D&B defines companies in trouble as those having problems with liquidity, unable to meet goods or service obligations, having drastic cuts in activity, or being put into receivership.

However, the total turnover of the companies in trouble, $3.5 billion, was high, according to D&B. The figure represents about 12 per cent of the gross national product.

Of those companies in trouble, 98 per cent are privately held. This does not mean the government and Histadrut enterprises are necessarily better financial managers. They are able to transfer their burdens onto the tax-payer, D&B noted.

Contrasted with the decline in companies in trouble was a worsening record of company payments generally. Although this trend is not measurable in quantitative terms, D&B said the trend was clear from their survey of thousands of companies. An analyst with the company suggested that this trend was more the result of an effort by companies to delay payments as long as possible than of an inability to pay.

Most problems are in the construction industry and business services. The number of industrial companies represented was consistent with their proportion in the economy, D&B said.

The analyst said that the decrease in the number of companies in trouble was encouraging, but the payments situation was worrisome.

Nilit mulls U.S. office as part of export drive

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post

MIGDAL HA'EMEK. – Nilit Ltd. in a bid to bolster its sales of nylon polymer and yarn in North America, is considering opening a U.S. subsidiary, executives told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Marketing manager Louis Rousso said Nilit was also considering the opening of a sales branch in Britain. But while plans for the U.S. were likely to go ahead, approval for the British branch was less certain, he added.

The decision on whether to set up the branches will be made by June.

The Tel Aviv-based company, whose plant is in Migdal Ha'emek, already has sales branches in Milan and Lyon, France.

President Michael Levi said the company might revive its initiative to go public. "I hope the Israeli stock market will be receptive," he said.

Three years ago, the company scheduled a stock offering, which was made just two days before the bank shares collapse. The timing effectively quashed any hope of raising capital and the offering was withdrawn. The privately held company was founded in 1974 by Levi's father.

Levi predicted a 22 per cent increase in sales this year to $65 million. In 1986, sales reached $53m., a 30 per cent increase over 1985, Levi said. Profit figures were not released.

Eighty per cent of Nilit's sales come from exports to 20 countries, the primary markets being Italy, the U.S., Canada, Britain and France.

The company foresees substantial growth in the sale of polymers for injection molding and engineering plastics.

Rousso said there was a "reasonable prospect" this year of doubling the $7m. in polymer sales recorded in 1986.

"This is an area of dramatic growth for us," he said. Such polymers are used extensively in the production of auto parts, including fenders and radiators.

Still, the company's main product is nylon yarn, used mostly in stockings and panty hose.

The company has installed machinery to "texturize" nylon yarn. Previously, Nilit sold only unmodified yarn and textile manufacturers would have it processed.

Rousso said the installation of the texturizing machines signalled a shift in the company's emphasis. "It's an essential transfer from the chemical to the textile industry," he said.

Nilit yarn is used in Israeli panty hose made, for example, by Gibor and Can-Can.

Levi, 33, has been the company's managing director since he was in his mid-20s. When his father died two years ago, he became president.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES



Moshe Schnitzer (left) receives an award marking the 70th anniversary of Associated Merchandising Corp. Presenting the awards are Phyliss Albertson, an AMC vice president, and Oded Shenberg, AMC's Israel representative. (Fuchs)

Lorico names Israel unit head

The Washington-based Lorico Trading Group has named **SETH EISENBERG** as the company's new Israel operations manager. Lorico, an international commerce and marketing organization, specializes in the import and export of specialty products between the U.S. and Israel.

Eisenberg said the company "is exploring every opportunity to dramatically increase Israeli exports to the U.S., and bring needed American products to Israel." Eisenberg is the former national president of the 300,000-member Junior Achievement free-enterprise youth group in the U.S.

A committee of outside figures has been named to the investments committee for the Hadar, Nirit and Eshcol pension funds of United Mizrahi Bank.

Appointed were: **YEHUDA FRIEDENBERG**, deputy managing director for finance at Dead Sea Works Ltd. **TUVIA MARGALIT**, controller at Tnuva; **YA'ACOV FACTOR**, managing director of Clal Development; **EITAN RAFF** chairman of Paz Oil Co.; **AMNON NEUBACH**, vice president for finance at Scitex Corp.; and **YORAM GALON**, vice president for finance at El Al.

The three funds are operated by Netivot, a company 60 per cent owned by Mizrahi and 40 per cent by private investors.

Associated Merchandising Corp., the U.S. retailing giant that owns such chains as Bloomingdales and Dayton Hudson, honoured its top suppliers in Israel last week to mark the company's 70th anniversary.

Receiving the awards were: **MOSHE SCHNITZER**, chairman of M. Schnitzer and Co., which supplies AMC with diamonds; **JUDITH GOTTLIEB**, managing director of Gottex Ltd., the maker of women's swimsuits; **YORAM RADOSHITSKY**, managing director of Emka Ltd., and **JACOB EKSTEIN**, a partner in Ekstein Knitware Ltd. both makers of children's ware; and **YOSSIE POLLACK**, managing director of Ouman Knitting Mills Ltd., which supplies AMC with men's clothing.

Presenting the awards were **ODED SHENBERG**, the head of AMC's purchasing office in Israel, and **PHYLISS ALBERTON**, an AMC vice president.

Mizrahi, workers close to salary pact

A long-standing dispute between Mizrahi staff and management over pay is nearing an end after several crises and occasional sanctions by the staff.

A new wage agreement is in the offing, which will grant some wage increases to all personnel retroactive to the beginning of 1987 or to December 1986. The bank will thus have escaped paying any wage increase for 1986, which it claims its poor profitability prevented it from doing.

Mizrahi was the only one of the major banks to report a loss for the first half of 1986.

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

Aramco pact may steady oil price

By TED D'AFFLISIO

A long-term accord by four major U.S. oil at fixed prices from Saudi producer Aramco could help stabilize world prices at around $18 a barrel.

Oil analysts say the multi-year agreement announced last Tuesday adds credibility to recent efforts in Geneva by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise prices to a world benchmark of around $18 a barrel.

Oil traders, however, greeted the news quietly, and prices in New York ended firm on Thursday, with the March contract for the U.S. benchmark West Texas intermediate at $18.58 a barrel, up 32 cents from Wednesday. "We need more details of the agreement to assess its significance," said one oil trader.

Aramco was nationalized by the Saudi government in the 1970s and owns 100 per cent of the kingdom's oil assets, which it contracts out to its four U.S. shareholders: Exxon, Texaco, Chevron and Mobil.

Industry sources say the contract may run as long as five years, but Aramco would confirm only that the agreement was for longer than one year. An Aramco spokesman would not say whether the agreement included escape clauses and sanctions for reduced output if the price of world oil falls.

"I think it's basically a neutral move," says Richard Marose, who watches oil markets in Chicago for Geldermann Inc.

"It locks the oil companies into a $18-a-barrel price for now, which is where the market is anyway," says Marose, adding that he considered it "more of an insurance policy" against future price increases.

Other oil traders say the market's most immediate concern is the overhang of refined products, which is pushing prices lower after a run-up in December and January.

Under the terms of the agreement, which is not yet final, Aramco will buy the marker Saudi light grade at the official government price, now $17.52, for resale to the U.S. oil companies. "But," an Aramco spokesman says, "the price will vary with the official price set by the government."

Many U.S. industry sources are surprised at the Aramco statement because it flew in the face of reports as recently as two weeks ago that the four U.S. oil companies had refused any fixed-price contracts.

"It must mean that the major oil companies now believe that oil prices will stabilize at about $18 a barrel, if not higher," says David T. Mizrahi, the editor of *Mideast Reports*.

"They are ensuring their access to low-priced oil if higher prices occur."

Analysts say the move may also signal the oil companies' belief that oil stocks will be seriously depleted within the next five months, tightening supplies and firming prices.

Industry sources say the action by these oil companies, the four largest in the U.S., will set the tone for other negotiations with the Saudis and reflects a growing belief the Opec accord will hold.

But many analysts say the agreement could hurt the oil companies' earnings, particularly if spot prices should fall sharply without a change in the official prices they will pay.

"This was very much the situation that existed between 1982 and 1984, when the world was talking about the Aramco disadvantage," says Charles Maxwell, an analyst with Cyrus J. Lawrence in New York.

At the time, the Aramco partners were paying official prices far above the spot prices paid by their competitors, which had a negative impact on earnings.

Oil traders also note that other grades of oil currently competitive with Saudi light, in particular the benchmark Dubai grade, are selling in the spot market for as low as $16.88 a barrel, nearly 60 cents below its officially mandated Opec price.

"We are hearing other Opec grades selling below their quotas, which is also a very negative sign," Maxwell says. (Reuter)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

LOANS FOR PEOPLE buying apartments in areas where the government is encouraging settlement have gone up from NIS 7,000 to NIS 10,000. The 20-year loans, at 6 per cent annual interest, are linked to the Consumer Price Index and are good for contracts signed from February 1 to May 31, 1987.

WANG INC., the U.S. computer giant has appointed Isra Tel Telecommunications Systems Ltd. as its new Israeli agent in place of Dror Computer Systems Ltd.

Dror was replaced because of customer dissatisfaction. A user group had formed to sue Dror for alleged negligence and breach of warranty, and the matter came to the attention of the Wang boss himself, Dr. An Wang. Wang engineers are expected here from the U.S. to deal with any problems.

RAFAEL, THE DEFENCE MINISTRY'S Armaments Development Authority, exported $72 million worth of electronics and electro-optics goods, rockets, missiles and tank protection devices last year. This year Rafael's exports are expected to top $100m. The authority's goal is to export 50 per cent of its total production.

KIBBUTZ HAZOREA has opened a quality inspection centre for measurement devices. Two companies, one German and one British, have agreed to exchange all know-how with the kibbutz on dimensional quality inspection and measurement methods.

Many factories are asked by clients to prove that the measurement equipment they use in production is accurate. Israeli companies must adhere to precise measurement standards to compete internationally.

SHAHAF AVIATION SERVICES Ltd. was ordered by the Transport Ministry on Wednesday to stop its package delivery service between Tel Aviv and Eilat.

A ministry spokesperson said that Shai Shohami, head of the Civil Aviation Administration, had informed Shahaf that according to regulations, a domestic charter company was allowed to carry only luggage belonging to passengers on board. Shohami also gave the air carrier 14 days to answer complaints about the security measures it took regarding the packages.

Shahaf operates daily charter flights between Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport and Eilat.

Opec cuts output in line with accord

PARIS (Reuter). – Opec crude oil production fell to 16.5 million barrels a day in January from 17.5 million in December, the International Energy Agency reported Thursday.

In its latest monthly oil market report, the IEA said the January level was broadly in line with the Opec December agreement, which set a ceiling of 15.8 million barrels daily for first half 1987. The production of Iraq and from the neutral zone between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait is not counted under the quota system.

The main change for the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in January was the 1.1 million barrels a day reduction in exports from Saudi Arabia, the IEA said.

Saudi exports fell 1.1 million barrels in January, and production probably fell the same amount, to 3.8 million barrels from 4.9 million, the IEA said. But "this does not necessarily mean that sales of Saudi crude were also down by 1.1 million barrels per day. "There are indications that some Saudi crude may have been sold from Norbec stocks ... in northwest Europe," the IEA said.

Preliminary estimates indicate a small rise in both Iranian and probably Iraqi output last month from December levels, to 2.2 million and 1.6 million barrels a day, respectively, the IEA said.

Total world oil supply in January fell to 45.7 million barrels a day, down 1.3 million from December, mainly due to the fall in Opec output.

The IEA said fourth-quarter consumption by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development states rose between 1.5 and 2 per cent on year-earlier levels and it expects a similar growth rate in the first three months of this year. In the whole of 1986, Oecd oil consumption appeared to have risen by about 2.5 per cent to 34.8 million barrels daily, the IEA said.

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JAPAN	YEN	100	1.0525
HOLLAND	FLORIN	1	0.7742
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	1.0348
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	0.2459
NORWAY	KRONE	1	0.2282
DENMARK	KRONE	1	0.2306
FINLAND	MARK	1	0.3506
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1.2114
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	1.0839
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	0.7754
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	0.4225
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	1.2415
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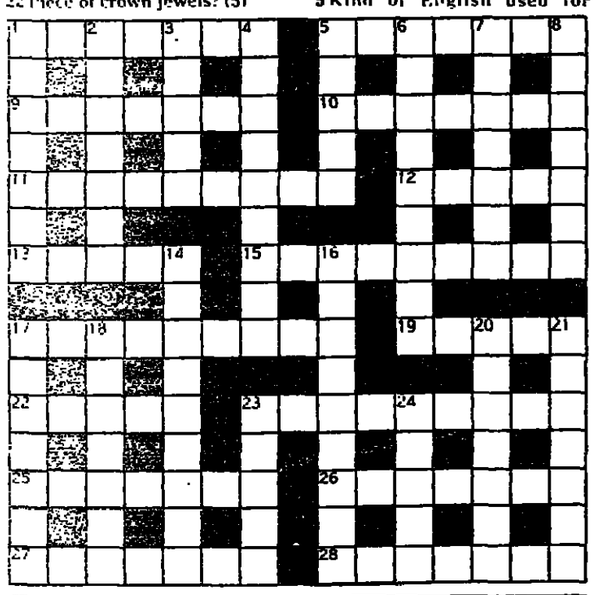
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Court cards? (7)
5 Old coins advanced for vehicle going downhill (7)
9 Thomas, the flower poet (7)
10 Sort of cup for people up? (7)
11 Laudation involving CE praying? (9)
12 Blunders of cricketers (5)
13 Beginner left in mountain province (5)
15 Engagement to alter both, possibly (9)
17 Opposed to putting beef in can? What's the remedy? (9)
19 Mind leaving Wimbledon? Characters left can give trouble there (5)
22 Piece of crown jewels? (5)
23 Addison's organ's not for the player (9)
25 Water that is sweet-smelling, once log is dislodged (7)
26 Motorway setback—vibration in drive (7)
27 Trouble in the labyrinth? (7)
28 Having struck out, cede six away (7)

DOWN

1 Kitty has means of raising container (7)
2 Higher course remains to be arranged (7)
3 Supplementing capital a penny short (5)
4 Terrible hard life in one, presumed Alice? (6,3)
5 Kind of English used for degree is put up to college-head (5)
6 Sulphur found in border rock (9)
7 Fairly big girl has re-fit (7)
8 Sacking carrying postal orders in traffic (7)
14 Sluggish? Permit hospital to put cigar out (9)
16 Mandarin in a loose jacket? (9)
17 In this case, append note (7)
18 Advertising film for American caravan (7)
20 BST late, possibly, in Preston and Worcester? (7)
21 Bit of a rocket from Churchill, say (7)
23 Finer sort of riddle (5)
24 Theme of leading Olympic finalists (5)



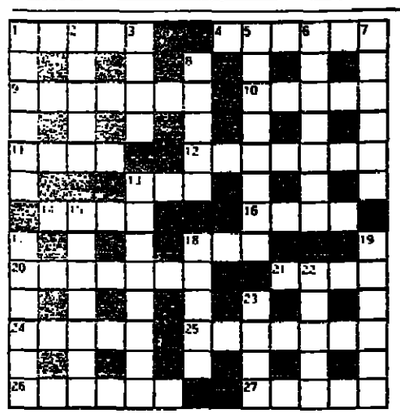
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QUICK SOLUTION

Across: 1, David and Goliath; 9, Stirred; 10, Insults; 11, Essential; 12, Regal; 13, Sitting; 15, Diluted; 17, Mirages; 19, Figure 8; 21, Nails; 25, Overtakes 25, Glacier; 26, Gauging; 27, Sleeping tablets

Down: 1, Dusters; 2, Veils; 3, Deranging; 4, Nodding; 5, Grilled; 6, Loser; 7, Alligator; 8, Hustled; 14, Terminate; 16, Light bulb; 17, Manages; 18, Sporran; 19, Freight; 20, Dosages; 22, Skimp; 24, Knife.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Wait in line
4 Amuse
9 Approve
10 Fencing thrust
11 Hood
12 Wild fruit (4-3)
13 Cunning
14 Gratis
16 Mature
18 Cove
20 Idle talk
21 Osculate
24 Edible bulb
25 Imitate
26 Pin for kebab
27 Very pleasant occasion

DOWN

1 Slake
2 Bequeath
3 Nobleman
5 Deceptive
6 Blood relationship
7 Excused
8 Transport
13 Period of imprisonment
15 Understand
17 Side to side
18 Lineage
19 Climb
22 Picture
23 Injure

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SOCCER REVIEW

Apart from Betar, utter, utter ennui

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. – The start of the second half of the league season saw a "no change" situation in the National League, as seven of the eight games ended in draw results this weekend.

The sole exception was Maccabi Netanya's 1-0 win over their luckless neighbours Betar Netanya, who are bottom of the league and appear already doomed to return to Second Division football next season. Ronnie Levy scored the Maccabi Netanya goal already in the fifth minute, and Betar can thank their 36 year old new goalkeeper Yehuda Filosof, who joined the club last week from Betar Tel Aviv, for almost singlehandedly stopping Maccabi scoring more goals.

The 2-2 draw between Bnei Yehuda and Betar Jerusalem satisfied both teams – it kept intact Bnei Yehuda's unbeaten record in the league this season and for Betar it maintained their nine points lead at the top of the table, with the Hatikva Quarter team second. Two points further behind are four teams, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Shimshon, Hapoel Kfar Sava and Maccabi Haifa, all of whom were involved in the drawn games epidemic.

Zahi Armeli gave Maccabi Haifa the lead in the 9th minute in Yavne, with a neat header from an Eytan Aharoni cross. This was only his third goal of the season. If Haifa thought that would enable their classy team – on paper – to cruise to an easily earned three points, the unglamourous Yavne team had other ideas. Dov Remler, the 30 year old veteran striker, joined Yavne in midweek from Hapoel Beersheba, and led his team to a spirited fight back, especially in the second half. The equilizer came in the 59th minute from Zion Yaacov. Daniel Brailovsky, Maccabi's attacking midfielder, was replaced by Abu Karat in the second half.

Six thousand at the Bloomfield Stadium saw last season's champions Hapoel Tel Aviv show weakness in their finishing, yet again. Although completely in control in midfield, their so-called strikers, Gil Landau and Shabtay Levy, failed to endanger the Maccabi Jaffa goal.

Shlomo Alkolombra shot Jaffa into the lead midway through the first half, and midfielder Moshe Sinai levelled the scores in the second half with a 10-metre shot.

Although this game was hardly inspiring, it was glorious compared to the non-show produced in the 0-0 draw between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Lod in the main match of the afternoon at Bloomfield. For most of the encounter, the players of both teams tapped the ball aimlessly around the field, and rarely did three passes find their men. The two goalkeepers, Bonnie Ginsburg of Maccabi and Yaacov Benodis, could lean on their goalposts, in transcendental meditation, as they had the entire afternoon off.

Maccabi Petah Tikva can blame only themselves for failing to take all three points from Shimshon on Friday. They controlled this game from beginning to end, with Eyal Belgeibter in total command, but they lacked a striker to tap in any of a dozen scoring chances. Petah Tikva did take the lead, but through central stopper Yaron Parcelani, who moved up to head in early in the second half. In one of Shimshon's rare foreays into attack, Avinoam Ovadia equalized from close range from a Yuval Kapitolnik pass.

Neither of the teams was anywhere near their best, missing several of their key players because of injury, like Doron Rabinson and Elisha Levy for Petah Tikva and Efraim Arbiv and Yigal Hillel for Shimshon.

TENNIS

Mansdorf into semis, will play McEnroe

PHILADELPHIA (AFP). – Amos Mansdorf is into the semifinals of the $465,000 U.S. Indoor Tennis Championships here with a pair of impressive victories over the weekend.

Mansdorf, Israel's champion, seeded 16th in this prestigious fourney, eliminated tenth seed Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 6-4 to gain a semifinal spot against American John McEnroe. Earlier, Mansdorf downed Sweden's Jan Gunnarson in straight sets 7-5, 6-1 after Gunnarson had upset fellow Swede and top seed Mats Wilander.

If Mansdorf continues his successful run against McEnroe, he will play the winner of the Milan Srejber (Czechoslovakia) – Tim Mayotte (U.S.) semifinal in today's final.

McEnroe, playing in his first tournament since his defeat by Australia's Pat Cash in the first-round at Wembley last November, surged into the semifinals with a fluent straight-sets victory over Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland.

McEnroe, seeded fourth, scored a 6-2, 6-3 win and has now conceded only eleven games since the start of the tournament.

But while McEnroe was moving smoothly on, Jimmy Connors was making a subdued exit against Srejber.

The 2.10m. Srejber, serving with tremendous power and accuracy on the fast wooden surface, scored a 6-3, 7-6 (7-10) victory. He hit nine aces and slammed down a score of winning first serves which Connors, looking slow and out of form, struggled to return.

Mayotte, finalist here last year and seeded fifth for this year's event, defeated fourteenth-seed compatriot Paul Annacone 7-5, 6-4.

Jack Leon adds from Tel Aviv:

This will be Mansdorf's second meeting against the 27-year-old McEnroe, four-time winner of the U.S. Pro Indoor championship.

Their first match was in March, 1985, when the American ace beat Mansdorf 6-1, 6-4 in Milan, in what was his first major Grand Prix outing.

The 21-year-old Mansdorf, playing his first tournament since having been demobilized on January 29, has so far gained 75 ATP computer points in winning three matches here lifting him from 42nd to around 35th in the world singles rankings. He has so far earned $16,000 in prize money.



ARCHITECT. – Michel Dayan, the Bnei Yehuda midfielder who schemed Bnei Yehuda's goals. (Guthmann)

SOCCER ROUND UP

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mac. Yavne	(0)1	Mac. Haifa	(1)1
Zion Ya'akov, 59		Armeli, 9	
Bnei Yehuda	(0)2	Bet. J'lem	(1)2
Gordona, 56		Malca, 3	
Hezi Shirazi, 78		Vandermolen, 67	
Mac. PT.	(0)1	Shimshon	(0)1
Parcelani, 51		Ovadia, 75	
Hap. PT.	(0)1	Bet. TA.	(0)1
Basson, 65		Shlomo Amar, 85	
Mac. Netanya	(1)1	Bet. Netanya	(0)0
Ronnie Levi, 5			
Mac. TA.	0	Hap. Lod	0
Hap. TA.	(0)1	Mac. Jaffa	(1)1
Sinai, 63		Alkolombra, 24	
Hap. Kfar Sava	0	Hap. Beersheba	0

STANDINGS (After 16 rounds)

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bet. J'lem	10	5	1	35	18	35
2. Bnei Yehuda	5	11	–	20	13	26
3. Mac. TA	6	6	4	26	13	24
4. Shimshon	5	9	2	16	10	24
5. Kfar Sava	6	6	4	21	17	24
6. Mac. Haifa	6	6	4	14	11	24
7. Hap. Lod	6	5	5	16	9	23
8. Hap. TA	5	8	3	15	12	23
9. Hap. PT	6	4	6	20	16	22
10. Mac. Netanya	5	5	6	16	21	20
11. Mac. PT.	4	7	5	14	13	19
12. Beersheba	4	7	5	9	11	19
13. Bet. TA	4	5	7	16	22	17
14. Yavne	3	7	6	13	18	16
15. Jaffa	2	6	8	12	25	12
16. Bet. Netanya	2	1	12	8	43	5

SECOND DIVISION

Bet. Nahariya	1.	Hap. Yehud	3
Hap. Dimona	2.	Hap. Beit Shean	2
Hap. Marmorek	1.	Hap. RG.	1
Bet. Ramle	1.	Hap. Hadera	1
Hakoach RG.	0.	Hap. Holon	1
Mac. RA.	0.	Mac. Sha'arayim	0
Hap. J'lem	3.	Hap. Tiberias	1
Hap. Hzifa	0.	Hap. Acre	0

STANDINGS (After 16 rounds)

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Hap. Haifa	8	6	2	21	9	30
2. Holon	7	6	3	16	8	27
3. Hadera	7	6	3	23	16	27
4. Yehud	8	3	5	21	16	27
5. Hap. J'lem	8	2	6	20	18	26
6. Acre	6	7	3	19	14	25
7. Sha'arayim	5	7	4	13	9	21
8. Amadar	6	4	6	12	15	20
9. Beit Shean	4	8	4	17	20	20
10. Ramle	5	10	3	14	17	19
11. Hap. RG.	4	7	5	7	11	19
12. Tiberias	5	3	8	21	23	16
13. Marmorek	4	4	8	18	24	16
14. Hakoach	4	4	8	9	17	16
15. Nahariya	3	5	8	11	12	14
16. Dimona	2	6	8	12	21	12

COMMENT/Philip Gillon and Yoram Kessel

Congratulations, cobbers

Few things that have occurred in sport in recent years have been as inspiring as the reaction of the Australian crowd to the overwhelming 4-0 victory of American yachting supremo Dennis Conner and his crew in *Stars and Stripes* in the final of the America's Cup. Instead of donning ashes and sackcloth, the Australians went on a protracted and very cheerful three-day binge – the awards ceremony was postponed so that it would not interfere with the merrymaking.

We can imagine what would happen in Israel if Maccabi Tel Aviv lost the final game of the European Cup, or Betar Jerusalem failed to clinch the National League title. Instead of ecstatic crowds dancing through the streets, toasting the heroes in champagne, beer or soft drinks, the home cities of the defeated players would go into deep mourning. Those ex-heroes with feet of clay would become pariahs, *slinking through the byways of Israel, perhaps wearing false moustaches.*

A famous American football coach said once that winning isn't everything, it's the only thing. We venture to disagree. The main objective of sport is not victory, but adding zest to life.

Admittedly, amateurism – i.e. being compelled to refuse to take any form of payment for playing games – has disappeared: all sports have been professionalized. To the extent that this means that a performer is entitled to be rewarded for his talent, and that players must be fully trained and fit, we heartily endorse the change. But professionalism should not mean that anything like Diego Maradonna fisting in a goal in a World Cup match – is permitted because it works, or that the world ends if a match is lost. Of course, there must be challenge and contest: one must do one's best within the rules and spirit of a game to win, or there is no genuine sport.

This does not mean, however, that the game should not be played for its own sake, but only for the money involved, or that one cannot be generous to an opponent. The Australians demonstrated this type of generosity.

Mean-spirited Israelis apparently think that such a spirit is forbidden by law. For instance, our junior team, which lost out in Oceania to the Australians recently, had all kinds of excuses for the defeat – but never thought of mentioning that the better team won. Their reaction was exactly like that of the national team in the World Cup competition a year ago, when they too lost to the Australians, and were equally reluctant to give credit to their opponents.

Nothing could be more professional than the America's Cup, which involved an investment of scores of millions of dollars – but both Conner and the losers demonstrated that it was fun. And that is the objective of all sport – adding fun to life. Making sport grim, bad-tempered and down-in-the-mouth is a contradiction in terms.

Israelis should learn from the cobbers and sheilas how to enjoy their games.

MATCH REPORT Bnei Yehuda 2, Betar Jerusalem 2

High drama in Hatikva Quarter

By MIKE SCHWARTZ

An hour before the performance began, the 7,000 spetators were in their seats, restless and expectant. The match had been billed as "the game of the season." The cast, consisting of player from league leaders Betar Jerusalem and their closest rivals, unbeaten Bnei Yehuda brought to the stage the very best of current Israeli football.

Drama came fast. The curtain signalling the start of the first scene, had only been drawn a mere 3 minutes before Betar took the lead. The elegant Eli Ohana glided past three defenders, and, as if guided by a telepathic 6th sense, crossed the ball into the Bnei Yehuda penalty, where the diminutive figure of Sammy Malca had ghosted into position. Malca's thunderous volley shot past the inside of the left post before goalkeeper Ya'acov Assiag had still not moved a muscle.

Act one continued for 15 minutes, as Betar showered raids upon the Bnei Yehuda goal. Uri Malmillian was given at least five chances to display his lethal free-kicking ability, as the Hatikva Quarter defenders found that their only way of containing the Betar attack was by hauling their attackers to the ground. Yaron Adiv had his name taken for a particular severe tackle on Meir Kadosh in the 5th minute.

But Bnei Yehuda refused to capitulate, and led on by their Jerusalem mercenary, Michel Dayan, they began to take control. His authority in the midfield was instrumental in their revival, and the Dayan-Gordona partnership almost brought the scores on to an equal footing four minutes before the interval, when Gordona headed a Dayan corner inches wide of the Betar goal. This movement was an ominous sign of what was to come.

In the 55th minute, Bnei Yehuda's buccaneonering centre-back, Yaron Adiv, passed a long ball into the Betar penalty area, where the evergreen "King of the Quarter," Ehud Ben Tovim, out-played his marker, Meir Kadosh, to open up the Betar defence for Dayan. Dayan's low shot went across the goal mouth and David Gordona stabbed his boot at it, helping it to reach its destination in Yossi Mizrachi's net.

The crowd had barely recaptured their breath when Gordona tested Mizrachi with a 25-metre shot. This time, however, the Betar keeper was able to turn the ball around the post for a corner.

The two teams hammered at one another in an attempt to break the dead lock. Gerry Vandermolen, the hard-running Betar forward, was rewarded for his efforts when he scored his first goal for the club by toe-punting home Eli Ohana's headed pass in the 67th minute.

The action built to a climax in the 78th minute, when young Hezi Shirazi, the Bnei Yehuda substitute repeated his feat in the first encounter between the sides, by heading the ball into an empty goal, after Mizrahi had collided with Udi Ashash in attempting to clear a high ball.

Betar were forced on to the defence for the rest of the match and the final whistle brought down the curtain on a match that succeeded in providing the kind of entertainment that football has been lacking.



PASS. – Frenchman Condom gets the ball away from the Welsh forwards. (AFP radiophoto)

RUGBY

France scramble to win

PARIS (AFP). – France and Ireland got off the mark with wins yesterday in the Five Nations Rugby Union championships, France winning in the final minutes while Ireland whitewashed England 17-0.

France scrambled to a scrappy 16-9 win over Wales here when left wing Eric Bonneval forced his way over for a winning try eight minutes from time.

Until then the Welsh had been holding out in a fighting display after full-back Paul Thorburn was forced to leave the field with an injured left shoulder after kicking three first half penalties to put the Welsh 9-3 ahead at half-time.

Right wing Philippe Berot, making his debut in the Five Nations and in Paris, kicked a first half penalty to keep France in contention and stand-off half Frank Mesnel, another player making his debut in Paris, went over for a try after 47 minutes that Berot converted to bring the score level.

Berot also missed France's best chance when he dropped the ball as John Devreux tackled him just as he dived over for a certain try.

However, Bonneval made amends when he scored the decisive try, although there was some controversy about it as his hand appeared to touch the touchline as he rolled over to squeeze the ball over his Welsh tackler Malcolm Dacey. And in the last minute Berot kicked his second penalty to wrap things up.

In Dublin, after having been whitewashed in last season's championship, Ireland got off the mark at the first attempt this season when they beat England 17-0 in a disappointing game.

Centre Michael Kiernan led the rout with nine points from a try, conversion and penalty to take his tally from 21 internationals to 123, while wing forward Phil Matthews and winger Keith Crossan also touched down.

It was all too easy for the Irish, whose third successive home victory over England would have been more convincing had they not wasted several chances.

However, it was England, without an away victory since 1982, who were most guilty of fumbling the slippery ball in the wet conditions.

BASKETBALL

Live from Seattle... the NBA's best

BY DON GOULD

Tonight, live from Seattle, Washington, Israel Television will screen the high point of the annual weekend carnival known as the 37th East-West NBA All-Star game.

The All-Star contest, and all that surrounds it, is more a "happening" than a game with winners and losers, but the innate competitive nature of the 20 finest basketball players in the world ensures 48 minutes of brilliant and imaginative one-on-one that cannot be matched.

The entire weekend takes place in a carnival-like atmosphere. An old-timers game, where slightly paunchier and distinctly more balding players from the past do battle against each other in an abbreviated version of the all-Star game, has become a regular feature of the event.

In recent years a dunking contest and a long distance shootout have been added to the agenda.

Defending long distance shooting champ Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics will return to defend his title. Bird knocked off Craig Hodges of Milwaukee in the finals last year when he popped in 12 of 22 from beyond the three-point stripe.

Spud Webb of the Atlanta Hawks, the smallest man in the NBA, outsoared all the giants in the league to win the dunking contest last year. Webb, who has recently undergone knee surgery, will not defend his title, but teammate Dominique Wilkins, the winner two years ago, is a heavy favourite to keep the title in the hands of the Hawks.

KC Jones of the Boston Celtics will coach the Eastern Conference All-Star and Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers will coach the Western Conference team. Their positions were determined two weeks prior to tonight's game, based on the standings at that date, since their clubs held the best record in their respective conferences.

The starting line-ups, chosen by fan-balloting over the last few months (the substitutes are selected by the rival coaches) are as follows:
EASTERN CONFERENCE – Larry Bird (Boston Celtics) and Dominique Wilkins (Atlanta Hawks), forwards; Moses Malone (Washington Bullets), centre; Julius Erving (Philadelphia 76ers) and Michael Jordan (Chicago Bulls), guards.
WESTERN CONFERENCE – Magic Johnson (Los Angeles Lakers) and Alvin Robertson (San Antonio Spurs), guards; Akeem Olajuwon (Houston Rockets), centre; James Worthy (Los Angeles Lakers) and Ralph Sampson (Houston Rockets), forwards. Sampson, who is injured, will be replaced by either Kelly Tripucka (Utah Jazz) or Alex English (Denver Nuggets).
The live broadcast starts at 10.15 p.m., local time.

CRICKET

S.A. win amazing match

PORT ELIZABETH (AFP). – South Africa beat the touring Australian rebels here yesterday in the last over of one of the most amazing matches ever played, it was a 50-over unofficial international that saw both sides score over 300 runs.

Chasing a mammoth Springbok score of 316 for six wickets, the Aussies were bowled out for 310 in the last over. They collapsed after being just three wickets down for 297.

They needed only 20 runs in the last four overs to win. Kepler Wessels and Australian captain Kim Hughes looked set to cruise home. Then Wessels was caught for 122 to make the score 299 for 4. One run later Hughes was clean bowled for 83.

After that, the Aussies could make only 11 runs before Springbok captain Clive Rice took the last two of his five wickets in the last over with the Aussies just six runs short.

Scores. S.A. 316/6. (Kirsten 87, Piemaar 74, Cook 70.) Australia 310. (Wessels 122, Hughes 83, Dyson 69, Rice 5 for 50.)

In Madras, India survived a middle-order collapse to reach 527 for nine in their first innings on the fourth day of the first cricket Test against Pakistan here yesterday.

India led Pakistan's first innings score of 487 for nine declared by 40 runs, but a draw seems likely with only today remaining for play.

Srikkanth scored 123, Vengsakaer 96, Gavaskar 91 and Amarnath 89.

SQUASH

Kaye survives tough match

By JACK LEON

HERZLIYA. – Only one Israeli – top racket Jonny Kaye – has reached the men's quarterfinals of the Israel Open Squash Championships here over the weekend.

The 20-year-old Kaye survived a tough fourth-round battle against compatriot Hilly Ehrlich, 31, winning in straight sets 10-9, 9-4, 10-9. Ehrlich had two game points in both the first and third sets, but was unable to capitalize on them.

Six other Israelis were knocked out of the tourney, all in straight sets. Willie Hosey of Ireland downed Tal Ben-Shahar, 16, one of Israel's top juniors, 9-5, 9-6, 9-8 in an exciting match featuring rallies of up to 35 shots.

Warren Berman, 17, another highly-rated Israeli junior, lost to New Zealand's Tony Brettkelly 9-5, 9-6, 9-1, after leading 5-1 in the second set.

Defending title-holder Mohammed Awad of Egypt beat Rami Ziv, while England's John Clark defeated Danny Gaifelband, Holland's Ric Zandvliet overcame Barry Zimmerman and top seed Martin Bodimeade of England knocked off Danny Iram. All four losers are Israelis.

In the remaining fourth-round contest, Egypt's Gamal el Amir, seeded second, defeated England's Harold Simon in straight sets.

In last night's quarterfinals, el Amir beat Hosey and Zandvliet got past Clark, each by scores of 3-1.

In the 24-draw women's competition, all four top four seeds scored quarterfinal victories. The four are: Lucy Souter, defending champion Angela Smith and Jayne Ashton, all from England, and Ireland's Rebecca Best.

Today's semifinals and tomorrow's finals will be held at the new Ra'anana Squash Centre, which has a glass-backed stadium court and seats 350 spectators – sizable number in the context of squash.



WINNER. – Lucy Souter puts a backhand away. (Guthmann)

ENGLISH SOCCER

Everton head the table at last

LONDON (AFP). – Everton, English champions two seasons ago, moved to the head of the First Division for the first time this season yesterday.

Howard Kendall's side took advantage of Arsenal's inactivity through their involvement in Sunday's league cup semi-finals by beating Coventry 3-1 to go a point clear.

But the Merseyside club were made to work hard to end the Gunners' near three-month reign at the top, as ex-England striker Cyrille Regis put Coventry ahead in the 13th minute.

Gary Stevens, the England right back, equalized on the stroke of half-time with the aid of a wicked deflection off Coventry defender Nick Pickering and second-half goals from England.

To rub salt into Coventry's wounds, Lloyd McGrath picked up a booking which took him over 21 disciplinary points and means he misses the FA Cup fifth round tie at Stoke on February 21.

Nottingham Forest wasted the chance to draw level with third-placed Liverpool without a game because of Arsenal's semi-final by only drawing 1-1 at Watford.

But it would have been worse had one-time England forward Garry Birtles not marked his first game of the year with a goal, as England winger John Barnes had fired Watford in front.

Chelsea, depsite all their off-the-field problems, scored a welcome home triumph in their relegation battle, overcoming Sheffield Wednesday 2-0.

Aston Villa, however, fell deeper into trouble when a Martin Keown own goal presented Queen's Park Rangers with three points at Villa Park. And Charlton did not help themselves either by only drawing 0-0 with Manchester United at Selhurst Park, although their situation would be even more serious had Bob Bolder not saved a penalty from England captain Bryan Robson, making his comeback after a six week absence through injury.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen 1, Motherwell 0
Celtic 3, St. Mirren 0
Clydebank 1, Dundee 1
Dundee U 2, Falkirk 1
Hamilton 0, Hibernian 1
Hearts 2, Rangers 5

SCOTTISH CUP (3rd round)

St. Johnstone 4, Whitehall 0

Celtic	32	21	7	4	67-25	49
Rangers	31	21	5	5	60-16	47
Dundee U	30	19	6	5	51-24	44
Aberdeen	31	16	11	4	47-20	43
Hearts	31	16	8	7	52-31	40
Dundee	29	11	6	12	41-38	28
St Mirren	31	9	9	13	27-36	27
Motherwell	31	7	9	15	32-48	23
Hibernian	32	7	8	17	26-52	22
Falkirk	30	6	6	18	25-50	18
Clydebank	32	5	7	20	25-70	17
Hamilton	30	3	6	21	25-68	12

SCOREBOARD

NBA. – Thursday night results: Washington 94, Cleveland 85; New York 135, New Jersey 118; Indiana 98, Detroit 93; Houston 120, Golden State 110; Milwaukee 120, Chicago 105; San Antonio 117, Seattle 111; Phoenix 113, Denver 100; Utah 126, L.A. Clippers 103; Portland 105, L.A. Lakers 104.

NHL. – Friday night's results: St. Louis 2, Vancouver 2; N.Y. Islanders 3, Edmonton 3; Winnipeg 6, Los Angeles 1; Hartford 5, Washington 2.

Thursday night's games: Boston 6, Pittsburgh 5; St. Louis 2, Calgary 1.

FIGURE SKATING. – East German Katarina Witt came from behind to win her fifth consecutive women's European Figure Skating title yesterday at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, on the same rink on which she won the Olympic title in 1984.

Witt, third after the short programme, won the free skating to clinch the narrowest of victories over Kira Ivanova of the Soviet Union, the overnight leader. They both finished with 3.8 points but Witt won because of her better showing in the free skating.

In the men's competition, Alexander Fadeev of the Soviet Union turned a near-perfect performance to win his second European Figure Skating title, ahead of two other Soviets.

Second place went to Vladimir Kotin who was second in last year's European Championship and third to Viktor Petrenko, fourth last year. It was the first time the Soviets have swept the men's medals in European or world championships.

SKIING. – Erika Hess of Switzerland survived a war of attrition with a quick second run to win the Women's Slalom at the Alpine Ski World Championships yesterday at Crans-Montana, Switzerland, and added a sixth – and last – gold medal to her record-breaking career.

Hess, who says she will retire at the end of this season, sped through the 55 gates in the quickest second-run time of 46.51 seconds to overtake Roswitha Steiner, the first-run leader from Austria.

SWIMMING. – Michael Gross, world champion for the 200m. freestyle and butterfly, failed to qualify for the men's 100m. freestyle final at the International Meet at Bonn, West Germany yesterday.

Out with the giant West German went top Frenchman Stephan Caron, the European champion and world silver medallist for the 100m. freestyle.

Best qualifying time here was set by American Scott McCadam in 49.21 seconds, followed by compatriot Jim Born (49.22 sec.) and Switzerland's Stefan Volery, third in 49.48 sec.

BOXING. – Mark Breland, a 1984 Olympic champion, won the World Boxing Association welterweight championship on Friday night at Atlantic City, New Jersey when he knocked out Harold Volbrecht with a crashing right to the jaw in the seventh round.

Breland chased Volbrecht, a South African, for most of the first six rounds, then finally cornered him late in the seventh. Breland pinned Volbrecht near the ropes and hurt him with a right to the face that made Volbrecht lean to the ropes. Breland followed with a right and a left, then landed a chopping right to the jaw that dropped Volbrecht to his left knee in a neutral corner. Volbrecht then slumped to the canvas and referee Tony Perez counted him out at 2:07 of the seventh round.

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1
Charlton 0, Manchester United 0
Chelsea 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0
Everton 3, Coventry 1
Leicester 3, Wimbledon 1
Newcastle 2, Luton 2
Southampton 1, Norwich 2
Watford 1, Notts Forest 1
West Ham 0, Oxford 1

	P	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
Everton	27	16	5	6	52-22	53
Arsenal	26	15	7	4	41-15	52
Liverpool	26	14	6	6	45-24	48
Notts F	27	13	7	7	49-33	46
Luton	26	12	7	7	29-25	43
Norwich	26	11	10	5	37-36	43
Tottenham	25	12	5	8	41-29	41
Watford	26	10	7	9	44-33	37
West Ham	26	10	7	9	40-43	37
Coventry	27	10	7	10	28-32	37
Wimbledon	26	11	3	12	34-35	36
Sheffield W	27	8	10	9	39-43	34
Manchester U	26	8	9	9	33-29	33
QPR	28	9	6	11	27-32	33
Oxford	26	8	8	10	30-41	32
Chelsea	26	7	8	11	32-45	29
Southampton	26	8	4	14	41-50	28
Leicester	26	7	6	13	34-45	27
Manchester C	26	6	9	11	24-35	27
Charlton	27	6	8	13	26-37	26
Aston Villa	26	6	6	14	30-54	24
Newcastle	26	5	7	14	27-46	22

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn 2, Shrewsbury 1
Bradford 4, Grimsby 2
Brighton 0, Sunderland 3
Derby 2, Birmingham 2
Huddersfield 2, WBA 1
Hull 1, Oldham 0
Ipswich 0, Portsmouth 1
Reading 2, Plymouth 0
Sheffield U 0, Leeds 0
Stoke 3, Crystal Palace 1
Barnsley 1, Millwall 0

	P	W	L	D	Goals	Pts.
Portsmouth	26	16	6	4	54-16	54
Derby	25	14	5	6	39-24	47
Oldham	26	13	6	7	40-27	45
Stoke	28	12	5	9	41-27	41
Ipswich	26	11	8	7	42-29	41
Plymouth	26	11	8	7	41-35	41
Leeds	26	10	7	9	30-31	37
Crystal Palace	28	12	1	13	35-42	37
Millwall	26	10	6	10	30-28	36
Birmingham	25	8	11	7	33-34	35
WBA	26	9	7	10	33-29	34
Sunderland	25	8	9	8	31-30	33
Sheffield U	26	8	9	9	33-35	33
Grimsby	27	7	12	8	28-33	33
Shrewsbury	26	10	3	13	24-33	33
Reading	25	8	6	11	35-39	30
Hull	25	8	5	12	26-45	29
Blackburn	25	7	7	11	23-30	28
Brighton	26	7	7	12	25-33	28
Bradford	25	7	5	13	39-46	26
Barnsley	25	6	8	11	24-31	26
Huddersfield	24	7	5	12	30-40	26

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BOWLS

Israelis to Scotland

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. – Israel's master bowler Cecil Bransky and his teammate Jeff Rabkin will be among the 32 competitors in the annual Embassy World Indoor Bowls Single Championships, which begin on Wednesday in Coatbridge, near Glasgow. The week-long tournament – the eighth in the series – is this year worth a record $80,000 in prize money. Bransky and Rabkin are now participating in a warm-up indoor tournament in Glasgow for overseas players in the championships.

World top-tenner Bransky, 44, caused something of a sensation when he was runner-up at the 1985 Coatbridge tournament, this in spite of the event marking his first-ever experience of indoor competition. Last year, however, he went out in the second round of this major meet on the pro-tennis circuit.

Rabkin, still only 30, has established himself as one of the country's leading lawn bowlers since immigrating here from South Africa in mid-1985. A few months later, the former Western Province player won the Israel Bowls Association annual national Masters, singles, pairs and trips competitions, a feat accomplished only once before. Rabkin took the pairs title with Bransky, to inaugurate a successful partnership between them which included winning the national pairs last year.

Next month, Bransky is playing in the Embassy World Indoor Pairs Championships, partnered by Rabkin. When they agreed to this pairing, the sponsors also added Rabkin's name to the list of invitees for the upcoming indoor singles.

The high-calibre entry in the Coatbridge meet includes New Zealanders Peter Bellis and Phil Skogland – the man who upset Bransky last February – England's David Bryant and Tony Allcock and Ian Richardson of Scotland. The championships are given extensive nation-wide coverage in Britain, bringing the game into the homes of millions of viewers.

Former Springbok bowler Bransky won South Africa's national singles, pairs and fours titles prior to immigrating here in 1980. He gained sixth place in the 1984 world lawn bowls championships singles event in Scotland and since then his many outdoor successes include finishing as runner-up in the Gateway Masters in England and the Hong Kong Classic. At home, Bransky has taken all the game's top honours.

SCOREBOARD

RUGBY. – Yizre'el crushed ASA Tel Aviv 52-0 at Kibbutz Yizre'el in yesterday's only National League game. Yizre'el, now 5-1, move into sole possession of the league lead, one-half game ahead of idle Ra'anana.

In a curtain raiser, the Yizre'el youth team defeated Kibbutz Tzora 21-4.

SWIMMING

Trims own world record

BONN (Reuter). – Olympic champion Victor Davis trimmed almost a second off his world best time in the men's 200 metres breaststroke at the Bonn International Swimming festival.

The Canadian left the rest of the field behind in the 25-metre pool to touch home more than three seconds ahead of Jozsef Szabo of Hungary, the man who beat him to the world title last year.

The winning time of two minutes, 8.82 seconds cut 0.99 of a second off the previous world-best 2:09.81, which Davis set three years ago in Winnipeg, Canada.

Davis had earlier swum 2:10.41 in the heats and now has the honour of having set the three fastest times ever over the distance.

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Watching Gorbachev

WITH every passing day evidence mounts that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is engaged in a genuine, and genuinely risky, effort to wrench his society free from the stultifying grip of autarchy. That effort is not guided by a western vision of political pluralism and democracy. But it is informed by a plain need to loosen the rigid controls of party oligarchy and state bureaucracy that stifle the Soviet system.

This new pragmatism is not restricted to the Soviet Union. It is felt elsewhere in Eastern Europe, and, with fits and starts, in China. One-party rule, commanding the national economy in the name of the people and the state, which was supposed to bring a fusion of individual and collective welfare has instead brought despotism and economic decay.

Mr. Gorbachev, and those who think like him in Moscow and elsewhere, seek to dismantle the rigidities of centralized control without, however, relinquishing the monopoly of domestic power vested in the Communist Party. This is a tall order and huge gamble. For freedom has a logic of its own, and those presiding over the cockpits of social control in a closed society inevitably resist its corrosive intrusion. They equate limited freedom and limited control with abdication, and can be counted upon to resist Gorbachev at every turn.

Remarkably, Gorbachev has publicly admitted as much. His emissaries in the West have now conceded that his attempt to breath air into his party by allowing forms of secret elections to party forums and factory managements has encountered opposition.

But the Soviet leader pushes on. He has followed up on the recent release of Andrei Sakharov by freeing more dissidents. And now, there are insistent reports that refuseniks may be released and the doors to Jewish emigration may be opened beyond the pitiful cracks of recent years.

Gorbachev's gambit will require measured and intelligent response from the West and from Israel. To sustain his drive and face down his foes, he must demonstrate gains that only the West can grant. But such dividends should not be provided in exchange solely for rhetoric and public relations forays.

In Israel's case some kind of sliding-scale policy must be formulated. The more liberal the emigration of Russian Jews, the more forthcoming should be policies of Jerusalem and the attitudes of Jewish communities abroad, especially in the U.S. where their influence on national policy, as the Soviets are aware, is significant.

Neither total scepticism about the capacity of change in the Soviet Union, nor unwarranted zeal to remake the Soviet system, can be the guides for the West, for Israel or the Jewish people. Rather, the tough pragmatism that Gorbachev represents should be matched by an equally tough pragmatism by those whom he would impress.

Above the law?

WHILE official Israel continues to remain silent on Israel's role in what is termed "Irangate," leaving the field open to what may be tendentious, but certainly discomfiting disclosures in Washington, one participant shows no such reticence. He is Ya'acov Nimrodi, the former military attache in Iran turned trader with Iran, who helped father the Israel-American arms deals with the Khomeini regime.

Almost from the start of the Irangate disclosures, he has kept up a steady patter in the local and international press. But last week he went further. In an interview in *The New York Times*, he disclosed that Israel – before the deal with the U.S. – had arranged to sell $50 million worth of Israel-made weapons to Iran. And as an additional inducement, Teheran was to give Israel a captured Soviet-made T-72 tank seized from the Iraqi army in the Gulf war.

This revelation contradicts official Israeli protestations that it does not sell arms to Iran. It also betrays the kind of confidential information that would make ordinary private citizens culpable before the law.

That Israeli correspondents of *The New York Times* are often enabled to report information that would be scissored by the military censor for other news organizations is not new. It attests to that newspaper's special standing and special clout. In any case, its journalistic enterprise, professionally welcome, does not bear responsibility for Mr. Nimrodi's decision to make public what others are enjoined by law to keep secret.

The question that arises is whether Mr. Nimrodi, a self-made multi-millionaire with easy access to the top levers of power in Israel, is rendered immune to the official constraints governing the Israeli press, the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, officials whom he maligns, like the prime minister's adviser, Amiram Nir, and on what grounds?

If he can divulge state secrets to *The New York Times* with impunity, then let us change our laws, and let us begin by dismantling military censorship.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. HISPANICS, Asians and blacks could outnumber non-Hispanic U.S. whites a century from now, a private population group reports.

"If illegal immigration remains high and annual immigration averages 1 million, the non-Hispanic white population would drop to just under 50 per cent in 2080," said the new study by the Population Reference Bureau.

The 1980 census counted 226.5 million Americans, of which 79.9 per cent were whites other than Hispanics. The census said 11.7 per cent of Americans were black, 6.4 per cent were Hispanic and 2.0 per cent were Asians and others.

At current immigration rates, the non-Hispanic whites could shrink to 49.8 per cent of the population by the year 2080 – becoming "the largest minority in a nation without any ethnic majority population."

P.S. REMEMBER how ping-pong competition served as the initial point of contact between Red China and the U.S.?

Well, the dedication recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem of the Ron D. Barbaro Chair in Veterinary Medicine recalled for some of the participants a similar occasion some months earlier in Toronto at which, probably for the first time, a representative of the People's Republic of China attended a public event involving an Israeli institution – and all because of a pair of pandas.

Ron Barbaro, a Toronto businessman of Italian descent and volunteer chairman of the Toronto Zoo, was being honoured in that city by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University as the recipient of the Friends' Scopus Award. Among the guests at that dinner was Xia Hong Chong, consul-general of China in Toronto. Chong attended because of the close personal ties that had developed between him and Barbaro in negotiations for the loan of a pair of giant pandas from China to the Toronto Zoo. J.B.

P.S. FAMILY members cleaning the house of a Spanish priest who died recently found three works by Pablo Picasso stashed in a storage room.

The *Voz de Galicia* newspaper says the family of the priest in the small town of Priegue, in the north-western province of Pontevedra, found a painting of Picasso's cousin Maria Ruiz on wood. Another picture done in tempera was of an unfinished figure, it said. The content of the third painting was not disclosed.

Ramon Faralde, authorized by the Paris Art Critics Association to catalogue Picasso's works, confirmed the authenticity of the paintings, the newspaper said.

Family members said they believe the priest, who was not identified by the paper, purchased the paintings during a trip to Paris in 1920.

The paper said the value of the works had not been determined.

Interest groups threaten exports

David Krivine

FORECASTS made in the national budget for the new year are disappointing. Israel's big problem is to bridge its yawning foreign-trade gap. In the event, exports will grow by a mere 5 per cent, a benefit that will be offset in part by a 2 per cent rise in imports.

That means $630m. more exports, from which $330m. more imports must be deducted. Our civilian trade decifit (omitting defence imports) will narrow by $300m. or by one-tenth. Can we not do better?

Let us see first whether we are likely even to do that well. How did the forecasts made in last year's national budget (which predicted the country's economic performance in 1986) turn out? Imports were supposed to rise by 6 per cent; in fact, they rose by double that amount.

Exports were planned to go up by 10 per cent; they went up by 8 per cent. The trade deficit, which had narrowed from $3.4b. in 1984 to $2.5b. in 1985, was supposed to narrow a bit more to $2.3b. It widened in fact to $2.9b.

If we achieve our targets in the year 1987, we shall nevertheless be saddled with a foreign-trade gap $300m. greater than it was two years ago. What has gone wrong?

WHAT WENT wrong in 1986 is that living standards shot up. Private consumption was billed to increase by less than one per cent per person, and increased by 10 per cent. Profits did not rise much because prices were frozen, but gross wages went up by 11.4 per cent, which goes far to explain the buying spree.

That deviation put all the reckonings of the Economic Planning Authority (EPA) out of joint. Output should have expanded by 1.6 per cent; it expanded by 1.1 per cent. Investments were supposed to rise by 5.7 per cent; they dropped by 6.8 per cent.

EPA economists explain that their predictions are based on the assumption that the policies embodied in the state budget (that is, the government's income and expenditure plan) are carried out to the letter. If different policies are implemented, the EPA is not to blame.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim's original version of the state budget for this year was unpopular because it imposed heavy burdens on the public. Had it been adopted, the national budget would have been more impressive, with better targets for investment, production growth and the balance of payments.

But the Histadrut would not agree to the abolition of tax exemptions (on pensions and other benefits) and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin would not agree to any cuts in the military. So Nissim had to think again; and his modified version of the budget was eventually adopted by the cabinet.

But has it been adopted by the nation? The estimates are riddled with question marks. Cuts in the outlay on education and health are supposed to be made by charging school fees and consultation fees. Labour politicians oppose both.

Moreover, a good many concerns are in financial trouble, notably the kibbutzim and moshavim. Their debts will have to be rescheduled. (Vice-Premier Shimon Peres has indicated that he does not intend, as he phrases it, to preside over the liquidation of the country's collective and cooperative settlements.)

That has launched a new wave of demands. If Labour is getting money for the kibbutzim and moshavim, Likud wants money (over and above the cabinet's agreed budget) for West Bank settlements, and Agudat Yisrael wants money (likewise over and above the agreed budget) for yeshivot.

Claimants plug their sectional interest, without regard for the national interest. The overall budget deficit (that is, the printing of new money), due to be NIS 350m. in Nissim's first budget round, is hopefully restricted to NIS 400m. in the second round. As things stand, the deficit will be enormously bigger.

TREASURY men say bravely that if more money is spent than budgeted, whether on education, health or rescuing ailing villages, compensatory cuts will have to be made elsewhere so that the budget deficit does not increase.

Everybody knows it must not increase because if it does we shall fail to achieve even the modest targets set by the EPA. But nobody knows where those compensating cuts can be made. Every interest group without exception has decided that its allocation shall not be cut by a single agora; and the Treasury no longer knows where to turn.

The budget is based among other things on a wage-freeze; meaning that when collective agreements come up for renewal at the end of this month, wage levels must remain unchanged. Histadrut chief Yisrael Kessar has made it clear that he does not accept this ruling. The package deal he concluded with the government and the employers involves the sacrifice of 2.7 per cent out of the cost-of-living allowance that should be paid as a result of the recent devaluation of the shekel – and no more than that, says Kessar.

Treasury men optimistically interpret the Histadrut's stand as meaning that only if wages are eroded, the trade unions will take corrective action. But if budgetary expenditure is increased with no corresponding increase in revenue, prices will go up and wages will be eroded. What is going to happen to the package deal then?

These dangers were foreseen by the three institutions that drew up the national budget – the EPA, the Bank of Israel and the Treasury. The last paragraph in their joint document says: "It is necessary to emphasize once again that our forecast of developments is contingent on a scrupulous application of the state budget and a scrupulous fulfilment of the package deal on wages with the employers and the Histadrut.

"Any increase in the budget deficit beyond the limits planned must reduce the growth in the national product. Any significant deviation from the package deal, causing unscheduled salary increases, must either push prices up above the predicted level or increase labour costs in real terms, pricing some goods out of the market."

In other words, Israel's output and export performance is at stake, not to mention her credit-worthiness in the world's money markets. The result of the refusal by recalcitrant interest groups to reduce their budgets may be that exports this year will not increase even by the planned five per cent and that the civilian trade deficit will not narrow even by the anticipated one-tenth.

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A superstitious state

Allan E. Shapiro

IT WAS probably diplomatic nicety that prompted the use of the term "a third state" – in the early reports out of Washington on Irangate – in referring to Israel, just as it was diplomatic "unnicety" that brought the British, in the UN debates in the early days after Israel's independence, to refer to "the Jewish authorities." A similar motivation was evident in Pope Paul's thank-you message, radioed from his plane after his visit to Megiddo and Galilee, carefully avoiding Jewish Jerusalem, addressed to President Shazar, Tel Aviv.

Herzl preferred the term the state of the Jews, although the Jewish State has become accepted instead and has achieved a quasi-constitutional recognition both in Knesset legislation and Supreme Court decisions. The State of the Jews is preferable by far, including more and pretending less. The Jewish State, on the other hand, presumes to ascribe to the political entity a character that deserves the description of Jewish.

If Israel were, indeed, the State of the Jews it would be much easier to put up with the idolatry of the Baba Sali cult or the superstition of the Migdal Ha'emek rabbis, let alone the halachic inanities of Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz. But since these are somehow within the generic term of Jewish, they also become descriptive of the character of the state itself. If this notion gives the reader an uneasy feeling in his gut, he had better first check the *mazuzot*, to be sure that they are in order. It could be from that.

Back in 1963, then Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, at an American Jewish Congress dialogue in Jerusalem, declared that racist principles, "became, because of an ancient talmudic rule, the law of the State of Israel." Today's university students have a hard time understanding why a petition to the High Court to direct the attorney-general to prosecute Justice Cohn was dismissed. Even more, they can't understand what the Justice could possibly have had in mind.

Today's commonsense represents the victory of yesterday's ideological battles. History is written by the survivors. In another two decades, we may have a generation that will listen in disbelief to tales of funerals in which the mourners included members of both sexes.

Already, the notion that disasters are caused by mixed funerals has achieved legitimacy in the media. The popular TV news magazine, *Erev Hadash*, presents both sides of the issue – a debate between an appealing rabbi, speaking both in the name of the *Zohar*, the kabbalist classic, and the will of the people of Migdal Ha'emek, on one side, and the local representative of the Histadrut women's affiliate, Na'amat, on the other. Against religion and democracy, that feminism, in the context of the discussion, almost seems like an alien growth.

Who won? Putting the two sides on an equal basis was already a judgment. Nostalgically, one can recall the debate in the early years of statehood, held in Montreal, Canada, when the noted historian, Arnold Toynbee, argued that Judaism represented a fossilized civilization, unsuited to resurrection in a modern state. The stirring rebuttal of the present president's late brother, Ya'acov Herzog, was a pinnacle of Zionist polemics. In the perspective of today, Toynbee's strictures cannot be easily dismissed.

If this latest obscurantism is Jewish, is it part of the bundle of values that goes into the concept of a Jewish State? If so, who needs it? Certainly not its founder and first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, who married Paula in a civil ceremony, without benefit of clergy. But it was also Ben-Gurion who set us on the path of coalition compromise that brought the state of the Jews to its present low. Whatever may be the composition of the next government, it will come into being to the accompaniment of another sell-out to the clerical forces that call themselves Jewish.

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READERS' LETTERS

ELI LANDAU'S RECORD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – In your issue of January 14, the Mayor of Herzliya, Eli Landau, argues with Robert Rosenberg over his report of the Prime Minister's visit to Herzliya.

Blowing his own trumpet, Landau claims credit for a "vast number of achievements" which rightfully belong to his predecessor, Yosef Nevo.

I myself served on Nevo's city council throughout his three administrations, in the last two as deputy mayor, and am now also a member of Herzliya's city council. I am, therefore, in a position to know the facts and compare the achievements. Let us take Landau's claims one by one.

1. The sports stadium. When Landau took office in November 1983, two-thirds of the stadium had already been built and the requisite financing had been earmarked for its completion by the summer of 1984.

2. The shooting range. Originally Landau had nothing whatsoever to do with this project which was initiated by Nevo together with the Israel Marksmanship Association.

3. Country club and swimming pool. Landau implies that he built Herzliya's first municipal swimming pool. The facts are that we completed the Poster Sports Centre, which included a swimming pool as well as tennis courts, in Neve Amal, during Nevo's first administration and another pool was in the process of being completed on Givat Hasofer in Herzliya B during his last term of office. Furthermore, the swimming pool to which Landau refers was included in our authorized plan for the new sports centre and a tender issued for its construction in 1983. As, however, only one bid was received at the time, Nevo decided to issue a new tender after the elections. How Landau acted later in this matter is common knowledge, at least in Herzliya.

4. Landau's claim concerning Herzliya's educational system is really the acme of *hutzpa!* Building and developing a modern educational system was the first priority in all our administrations. By the time Nevo left office, Herzliya's educational system was nationally recognized as one of the best in the country. We not only built school buildings in all the zones of Herzliya, paying special attention to the two Project Renewal quarters of Neve Yisrael and Yad Hatisha (Shaviv), but also implemented one of the very few successful integration schemes at the primary school level.

5. As to city finances, debts in themselves do not mean mismanagement. On the contrary, practically all development in any sphere is carried out through loans. In Herzliya, despite the tremendous development investments made during our adminstration, we never once defaulted on debt repayment or salaries. Landau's so called "financial turnaround" was not achieved by his management, but by a change in government economic policy. For the last two years, prices have been frozen while municipal taxes have been raised considerably.

ELIAHU NESHER,
Herzliya City Council

Herzliya.

Sir, – "When I came to office, the town was deeply in debt, but today we are in the black," writes Mayor Eli Landau. Most assuredly, Herzliya is now in the black, but as a result, Landau has helped the average resident of Herzliya to flounder deeply in the red.

At a time when *all* of Israel is in its worst financial bind perhaps in its entire history and when the government is cutting expenditures to the bone, Landau is celebrating his Roman Holiday and is mulcting Herzliya citizens and especially business enterprises with the most unconscionable assessments and taxes, the highest ever in Israel history.

Herzliya citizens are at long last beginning to realize that such highwayman tactics are not only helping to impoverish them personally and very directly, but that the enormity of Landau taxes on business adds to the further impoverishment of Herzliya shoppers. One need not be a CPA like I am to realize that Herzliya businessmen must pass such enormous assessments and taxes on to the shopping public, and that housewives then shop in other towns to the detriment of local businesses.

BEN HILLSON

Herzliya.

THE POLLARD CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Jonathan Jay Pollard and Anne Henderson-Pollard at present await sentencing in the U.S. for having done their best to serve and defend the State of Israel. The Israel government appears to have done little or nothing to press for their release and deportation to Israel – where, despite this abandonment, they still wish to make their home.

It would be a shameful thing for the Pollards to spend years in prison because the Israel government finds it too awkward to acknowledge the debt it owes them. Claims that mid-level functionaries exceeded their authorization by employing the Pollards miss the point. The Pollards believed they were operating with the blessing of the Israel government – and that government is responsible, whether through action or omission, for their so believing.

There is little time. I hope that Israel citizens who feel the Pollards' loyalty to Israel deserves the same will urge their representatives to take action.

KAREN A. WYLE

Los Angeles.

FREE PRESS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Thank heavens, not for little girls, as Maurice Chevalier sang in *Gigi*, but for the Israel news media in all its forms. I shudder to think where our worthy ministers, chairmen of Knesset committees and members of the Knesset would lead us, were it not for the vigilance of our reporters.

DAVID ORLY

Ganei Yehuda.

DEALING IN DEATH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Yosef Tahan's defence counsel pleaded for mercy for him because he has four small children and it would be terrible for them to be without a father. But was Yosef Tahan concerned about the dozens of young people he would have destroyed if he had sold his heroin in Israel?

A. KRAMER

Galed.

Sir, – I am against capital punishment, except in the case of drug pedlars. These are the worst type of murderers, killing young people in great numbers in order to enrich themselves.

L. STRICKER

Haifa.

Sir, – In 1985, 30 addicts died and in 1986, 50, with an estimated 10,000 addicts in Israel now. Responsible for their death and ruination are the drug smugglers, including those caught in Turkey, Indonesia, the U.S. and elsewhere. I cannot understand why somebody like Yosef Tahan receives such favourable publicity and public sympathy.

ABRAHAM A. POLACHEK

Jerusalem.

Sir, – As the parent of a son who, as a teenager, was introduced to heroin with fateful effect by a pusher who offered free samples, I will not be at all "outraged" if the Egyptian law takes its course.

A HAIFAITE
(Name and address supplied.)

Haifa.

MORTAGE CONCESSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – As I leave Israel at the end of the British Zionist Federation conference, I think it is important to try to correct one point from your report on our visit to the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir (January 23).

While it is true that he justified the concessions being made to attract South African olim, he also promised to raise the question of the same mortgage concessions for UK olim with the Jewish Agency.

Therefore, I feel *The Jerusalem Post* headline saying Mr. Shamir spurned our appeal is somewhat misleading.

JOY WOLFE,
Greater Manchester Women Zionists' Council

Lod (Manchester).

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I refer to your article of January 30, "The voice of the addict." As a recovering addict myself, I believe any article on drug addiction in Israel that does not mention Narcotics Anonymous is doing a disservice to the public.

This method of treatment has been proven highly successful in the U.S. and now exists throughout the world, based on the programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, which is better known. No drugs, hospitals or doctors are involved, just recovering addicts helping those still suffering, without charge. It worked for me and my story was no less perilous than that of "Lilith."

I take issue, though, with Lilith's contention that it's the "sanest approach" to help the addict sort out his life first and then worry about getting off drugs. Every drug addict has a million problems, none of which can be realistically confronted until the drug problem is. Most are caused by the drugs, anyway.

Although I am not an official spokesman for N.A., which can be reached at P.O.B. 16334, Tel Aviv and where help is available in Hebrew, English and Spanish, I am a member of this anonymous fellowship, so I must sign anonymously.

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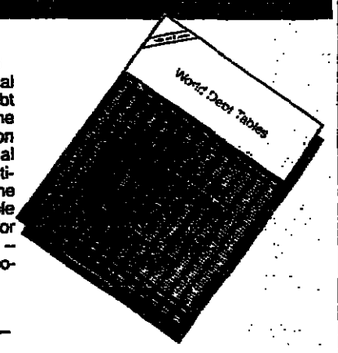
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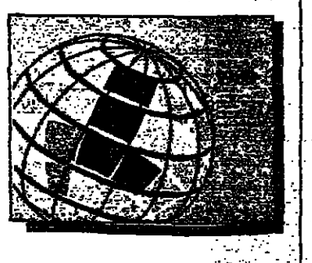
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